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DESPITE THOUSANDS COLLECTED FROM TOURISTS

Seaplane ramp still rundown

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For several years now, the Commonwealth Ports Authority has been collecting $1 from each Tasi Tours' customers who go to Managaha Island, with the money intended to be used to maintain the seaplane ramp and dock in Lower Base.

Yet that has never happened.

CPA has not been doing any repairs on the seaplane ramp at all, with the area pockmarked with potholes and mud, and an eyesore for tourists wanting to see the pristine jewel that is Managaha.

That prompted CPA board

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Buses and other vehicles transporting tourists are seen parking yesterday afternoon on the side of the access road at the seaplane ramp and dock area in Lower Base. For six years, the Commonwealth Ports Authority had been collecting thousands of dollars from Tasi Tours' passengers through a $1 per passenger facility fee intended to fund the renovation of the ramp and dock, but no repair has been done until now. FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Tinian, Rota prices still high despite wharfage fee waiver

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The waiver on the wharfage fees imposed on Tinian and Rota commodities since August 2016 has not lowered the prices of goods on both islands, and has actually resulted in the Commonwealth Ports Authority losing thousands of dollars.

In light of this, the CPA board's Committee on Seaport Facilities approved a motion during a meeting last Friday to ask the CPA management to provide the Legislature with CPA's data so that lawmakers will have the numbers to review the law and see if it is working according to its original intent.

The committee, chaired by Pete Reyes, discussed

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'Norita contract was standard employment'

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The Torres administration clarified yesterday that the contract of Claudio Norita as office manager of the 2020 CNMI Census is a standard employment contract, contrary to rumors that it was a sole-source contract.

Torres administration representatives spoke about Norita's contract on the side of a news briefing yesterday at the Office of the Governor about the decennial 2020 Census.

Citing U.S. Census Bureau regulations and mandates, the administration pointed out

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CCC opposes IPI motion to remand suit to Superior Court

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The Commonwealth Casino Commission and its executive director, Edward C. Deleon Guerrero, are opposed to Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's motion to remand IPI's lawsuit against CCC to the Superior Court.

In CCC and Deleon Guerrero's opposition filed in federal court Monday, assistant attorneys general Benjamin K. Petersburg and Michael L. Ernest argued that the federal questions will ultimately decide all matters at issue and the U.S. District Court for the

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Local

Six groups sign on for Int'l Festival of Cultures

Six cultural groups have signed on and the list continues to grow for the 5th Annual International Festival of Cultures to be held on Sept. 20-21, 2019, in celebration of the cultural diversity of the Marianas.

Returning to this year's celebration are the communities of Korea, Japan, Tonga/Fiji/Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, and Bangladesh.

"The CNMI is full of diversity, and this is the time where everyone can come together to learn and celebrate one another's culture," said lead event coordinator and Marianas Visitors Authority community projects coordinator Jack Aranda. "Every cultural group is welcome to join, and we invite you to contact our office for more information.

The festival returns to Paseo de Marianas in the main tourist district on Saipan.

A soft opening will be held on Sept. 20, from 5pm to 10pm with an ethnic parade, food sales, and demonstration and sales of arts and crafts. On Sept. 21, from 5pm to 10pm, the festival will also feature live ethnic performances on-stage.

The MVA invites interested cultural groups to participate in the upcoming festival meeting scheduled for Aug.21, 2019, at 3pm at the MVA conference room. Participation forms are available at the MVA office in San Jose, Saipan, or interested participants may contact Aranda at jaranda@mymarianas.com or (670) 664-3219 for more information. ***(PR)***

File photo shows the Carolinian community demonstrating coconut frond weaving at the International Festival of Cultures on Aug. 27, 2016. The 5th Annual International Festival of Cultures will be held on Sept. 20-21, 2019, at Paseo de Marianas in Garapan. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

OVR to work on Pre-Employment Transition Services

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The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation is now working on its Pre-Employment Transition Services, commonly referred to as Pre-ETS, which is intended to help students with disabilities by enabling them to avail of vocational rehabilitation services.

According to OVR director Maryann Borja Arriola, the OVR is looking to continue its Pre-ETS program with the Public School System's special education program, as it is required by the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act.

This act was signed into law in July 2014 and it requires public vocational rehabilitation programs to reserve 15% of its Title I federal funds to provide Pre-ETS, which is provided to students with disabilities who are eligible or potentially eligible for vocational rehabilitation services.

The WIOA definition of a "student with a disability" is: an individual with a disability in a secondary, postsecondary, or other recognized education program who is between 16 and 21 years old, is eligible for and receiving special education or related services under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, or is an individual with a disability, for purposes of section 504.

Arriola said that Pre-ETS is intended to help students begin to identify career interests and to learn skills in preparation for their transition to employment and/or postsecondary education. "The OVR will make every effort to provide to help out these students," she said.

Pre-ETS is mandated to conduct job exploration counseling, provide work-based learning experiences, provide counseling on opportunities for enrollment in comprehensive transition or secondary education program, provide workplace readiness training to develop social skills and independent living, and instruction in self-advocacy.

Arriola said that OVR is looking for a Pre-ETS coordinator and have a job vacancy announcement at the Office of Personnel Management.

For more information about the Pre-ETS, contact OVR at (670) 322-6537/8 or send an email to nmidir@ovrgov.net.

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Bail modification for man who threatened to kill family

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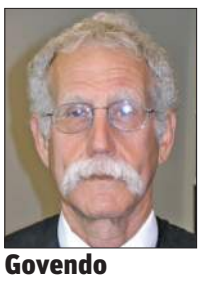
The Superior Court hearing to entertain the request of a man to have his bail modified has been extended another day as the court has yet to appoint a third-party custodian for him.

Peter John Blas, who is accused of threatening to kill his family with a spear gun, was ordered to return to court today for his bail modification hearing.

According to Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo, a third-party custodian is necessary before he can approve modifying Blas' bail amount and releasing him on bail. He said the third-party custodian would be held responsible for ensuring that Blas complies with the terms of his release.


Govendo

Upon looking through court documents, there was no bail indicated for Blas and the continuance for bail modification would determine how much Blas would post as bail for him to be released to his third-party custodian.

Blas' lawyer, assistant public defender Karie Comstock, told the court that they do have a potential third-party custodian, Blas' grandmother, but she has not spoken with her yet.

Govendo said if Blas' grandmother is brought before the court, he would approve the bail modification.

According to court information, Blas was arrested for threatening to kill his family members, including his mother, with a spear gun, threatening police with a shootout, and resisting arrest.

Last Aug. 5, police responded to a disturbance in San Vicente, after Blas' mother reported that Blas was at her house and was threatening to kill her and everyone with her. Blas allegedly threatened the household with a "pachinko" or speargun.

The mother told police that she came home during her lunch break to take Blas to the hospital because he had called her to ask her to take him to get his medication. However, because Blas was nowhere to be found, she left. Blas later threatened her that he would kill her, the members of the household, and himself.

After speaking with Blas, police observed that he was very jumpy and angry. Blas told police he was angry at his mother for refusing to take him to the hospital and for refusing to give him the keys to her car. When police left Blas to talk to his mother, Blas ran into the home, locked all the doors, and shouted that he had guns in the house and he was going to shoot the police.

Blas later calmed down but, when the arrest was being made, Blas struggled and with police and tried to flee.

Blas has been arrested on numerous occasions between June 4 to Aug. 9 for alleged disturbing the peace, assault and battery, riot, criminal trespass, assault with a dangerous weapon, obstruction of justice, and resisting arrest.

Court denies reducing sentence of man incarcerated for molestation

The Superior Court denied yesterday the request to reduce the prison term of a man who was sentenced to 15 years for molestation.

During a hearing yesterday, Lazaro H. Guillermo asked the court to reduce his current sentence due to personal matters he needs to attend to.

Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert Naraja said that he had to deny the request because it is usually during the plea agreement hearing when an individual is given the chance to ask the court for leniency regarding the sentence.

Naraja said that Guillermo should have addressed the court with these concerns before his change of plea was accepted because that kind of information is critical when imposing a sentence on an individual.

Despite Guillermo informing the court that he was not aware of that and was not made aware that he could have asked for leniency during the change of plea agreement, Naraja did not grant the request.

Guillermo, 25, pleaded guilty to two of the four charges against him back in April: sexual assault in the second degree, punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment, and burglary, punishable by up to 15 years imprisonment.

The two other charges were dismissed without prejudice.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, as a result of the plea agreement, Guillermo was sentenced to just 15 years imprisonment, with five years suspended.

Guillermo entered a house on Rota after dark on June 10, 2018, and groped a minor while she was asleep. The victim told police that she woke up to someone touching her in the early morning of June 10 as she was sleeping on a couch in a bedroom with another female on a bed with a baby.

During police interview, Guillermo allegedly admitted breaking into the house through the window and touching the girl.

Guillermo said he left the bedroom when the witness told him to leave.

Based on DPS records, Guillermo is a tier-1 sex offender in Guam. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

Scheduled power interruption on Friday

There will be a scheduled power interruption this Friday, Aug. 23, from 9am to 11am.

The power outage will affect the Northern Marianas College, Joeten Dandan Supermarket, San Vicente Elementary School, Finasisu Lane, Chalan Tun Antonio Apa, Rasimu Lane, Rte. 307 (CMS Quarry), Tanduki Drive, Katupat Drive, Fatiguan Lane, Bentana Drive, Katbon Road, and Laulau Bay Drive.

Water services may be affected based on tank levels for the areas of Lower San Vicente, South San Vicente, Upper Dandan Homestead and Obyan.

The W-8 wastewater lift station will be affected.

Traffic lights to be affected include the NMC traffic light, Shell Dandan gas station traffic light, Airport Road traffic light, and San Vicente traffic light.

The purpose of the power interruption is to de-energize the primary lines to allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. line crew to safely install one air break switch in San Vicente, before the Dandan Road and Isa Drive traffic light and to safely remove existing air break switch near NMC.

This work is part of the Super Typhoon Yutu restoration to strengthen and harden the integrity of the power distribution system throughout the island.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the affected areas.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor its Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(PR)***

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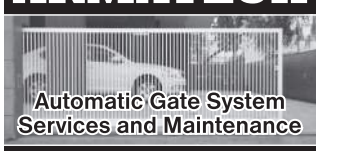

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Manila says his drawing meant to support his suit was seized

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An inmate at the Department of Corrections for 18 years now has informed the federal court that a sketch that he drew to support his lawsuit about going blind in his left eye due to the negligence of prison officials was seized by a Corrections officer, allegedly because it was an escape plan.

In his request Monday for the U.S. District Court for the NMI to appoint him lawyer for his lawsuit, Reynaldo A. Manila disclosed that he asked a DOC section officer last Wednesday, Aug. 14, to make a photocopy of a sketch of his (Manila) assignment area during the term of then-DOC commissioner Robert Guerrero.

Manila said a shift commander confiscated his drawing as it is allegedly against DOC policy as he may use it as an escape plan.

Manila said he explained to the shift commander that he did not draw from the blueprint but drew it based on his familiarity with the area of his assignment.

He said he further explained that he will use the drawing as evidence to support his claims in his lawsuit.

Manila said he is not stupid to submit the drawing to the court for the purpose of escaping.

Manila said that a few hours later, a Corrections officer confiscated his pen, pencil, highlight marker, ruler, and dictionary that he used to work on his case.

He said the Corrections officer told him that if he wanted to get back the items, he needs to make a request to DOC director Georgia Cabrera.

Manila also stated that he was allowed access to a computer for legal research, but he could not use the computer last Aug. 9 because the internet cable was missing. He said the shift commander told him he has no idea who stole the internet cable.

Manila asked the court to appoint a lawyer for him as he is having pain in both eyes.

Manila is suing Guerrero and two other officials over the blindness of his left eye.

Recently, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona denied a motion to dismiss Manila's lawsuit.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

TINIAN

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Public Law 19-62 in a meeting at the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting classroom of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. That law waived the wharfage fee on products intended for Rota and Tinian in a bid to lower the prices of basic commodities on both islands. Yet the price of commodities on the two islands continue to go up, according to CPA.

Wharfage refers to the fee charged by the terminal on the passage of a cargo or merchandize through it.

CPA recently asked Commerce Secretary Mark O. Rabauliman to provide reports and official statistics related to the prices of goods on Rota and Tinian from August 2013 up to the present.

In a later interview, Reyes said they are sending their data on wharfage to the Legislature, so lawmakers can also ask the Department of Commerce to provide its own numbers and analysis to see if the prices of goods are responsive to the intent of the law which should lower the costs.

"Because the price of commodities on Rota and Tinian is very high. I feel sorry for the people of Rota and Tinian," Reyes said.

He said Public Law 19-62 was essentially enacted, with the intent to help ease the burden on both Tinian and Rota consumers to help out their economy.

By enacting P.L. 19-62 to waive the wharfage fee of any boat that is bringing goods to Rota, it was hoped that that would essentially end up reducing the cost of merchandize on Rota, Reyes said.

"That was the objective that the Legislature wishes to achieve," said Reyes.

If the people of Rota and Tinian are indeed benefiting from lower costs, then Reyes feels that whatever revenue CPA is losing is worth it.

"Because the whole thing here is to help the people of Rota and the people of Tinian," he added.

Reyes said they will provide their statistics they've collected to the Legislature and the Legislature can ask the Department of Commerce to come up with its own numbers to determine whether the law actually lowers the cost of merchandise and goods that are being sold on Rota and Tinian.

The Legislature can then decide what to do, moving forward.

"They should get this analysis to determine whether it is working or it is not working. And, of course, at the end of the day, they can decide what to do," he said.

CPA board member Barrie C. Toves told the committee that, in his personal opinion, the prices on Rota have still escalated despite the waiver.

"If it is escalating, there is no point for us to continue… waiving the wharfage," Toves said, citing the thousands of dollars that CPA could have collected from such a fee on Rota since August 2016 to fiscal year 2019.

CPA's data for Tinian show that, in August and September 2016, the waived wharfage reached $19,128; in fiscal years 2017 and 2018, the waived wharfage fee reached $159,556 and $141,209, respectively.

In fiscal year 2019, the waived wharfage as of June has already reached $160,325.

Toves asked the committee to follow up with the CPA management on CPA's request for reports and statistics from Commerce, so CPA can let lawmakers know that this law is not benefitting the people of Tinian and Rota and is having a negative impact on CPA itself.

"We need statistics from Commerce as evidence," Toves said.

Reyes agreed, saying this is important data that they need to present to the Legislature to let them know that this is the potential revenue that CPA is losing. He said the law should be repealed if there is no benefit to both Rota and Tinian.

SEAPLANE

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member Barrie Toves to admit at the CPA committee on Seaport Facilities' meeting last Friday that CPA "dropped the ball."

Saying that CPA has collected at least $293,099 from Tasi Tours' customers over the years, committee chair Pete Reyes urged the CPA management to fix the seaplane ramp and the road leading to it quickly.

CPA executive director Christopher S. Tenorio confirmed that funding is available—the collected fee is enough to repair the road in the area—to which Reyes said, "Let's do this."

Tasi Tours recently asked CPA to waive the $1 facility fee at the seaplane ramp until such time that repairs have been done to the facility.

Tasi Tours complained that it is also unfair to their customers that they are only visitors to Managaha who have to pay such a fee, while other customers who are ferried to Managaha from Outer Cove Marina are not required to pay a similar fee.

In a letter addressed to the CPA board, Tasi Tours president Masato Tezuka said, "We are struggling to the best we could to revive the Japanese market to Saipan and, as much as possible, we want to provide our customers the best service they deserve."

According to Tasi Tours, the pier is covered with muddy water during heavy rains. On sunny days, the mud becomes dust and it swirls in the wind, covering their guests with silt and choking them.

"Frankly, we are embarrassed that tourists have to be taken to this unpleasant place to board a boat in order to visit the beautiful Managaha Islands," Tezuka said.

Tasi Tours' customers who go to Managaha board a boat at the Pacific Subsea dock in Lower Base. The dock is on the north side of the seaplane ramp.

Tasi Tours said the ramp had fallen into disrepair by 2008, and this prompted CPA that year to collect a $1 fee per passenger to fund the renovation of the ramp and the dock.

Tasi Tours paid the fee for five years (from October 2017 to February 2012), but CPA never performed the necessary renovation work.

As the condition of the ramp had become a hazard to buses and customers, Tasi Tours took it upon itself to repair the road by filling the potholes and paving some areas.

Because of this work, Tasi Tours asked CPA to waive the fee. CPA agreed and the waiver lasted from February 2012 to February 2013. The waiver was then extended to June 2014.

CPA resumed collecting the fee after that.

Yet despite the fact that Tasi Tours has paid the fee for the past six years, CPA still has not repaired the ramp and the dock.

Tasi Tours told the CPA board that it is unfair to require their customers to pay a fee for a facility that is in such a state of disrepair.

"If that promise had been kept, after collecting hundreds of thousands of dollars, the seaplane ramp would be in a beautiful condition than it is today," Tezuka said in his letter.

During Friday's committee meeting, Toves gave a historical overview of the issue, having been part of the board in 2008 when this issue first came up.

He said that when Tasi Tours first asked for the fee waiver, they approved the first request, then granted an extension request. "In 2014, we reverted back to assessing the fee until the present," he said.

In that five-year period, CPA has not made any progress to fix the road.

"Now they are coming back again, asking us for a waiver," Toves said, adding that CPA should make a plan, execute it, and fix the road.

"I understand where they [Tasi Tours] are coming from. They have tourists coming in; the facility is the first impression. And we want to help boost up tourism activities," he said.

Toves said it is incumbent upon CPA to look into this further because it is something that needs to be addressed, that CPA is collecting the money for this purpose, so it is incumbent upon CPA to use the money to fix the road.

"…We dropped the ball. We have to be mature enough to accept the fact that we did," he said.

CPA board vice chair Roman Tudela said that even if CPA is not collecting any money, if the road is CPA's responsibility, then CPA should fix the road.

"If we have the money and it is our responsibility, it is incumbent upon CPA to fix it," Tudela pointed out.

Reyes said this is something that they need to do quickly.

"I don't think a waiver would be necessary. We can go ahead and act on fixing the road," Reyes said. "That being our property, let's fix it."

Reyes told Tenorio to get CPA engineers to determine how much the repair will cost and, as soon as possible, issue a request for proposals, and get the repair done.

Tenorio was directed to provide the information before the next CPA board committee meeting.

Reyes also instructed Tenorio to communicate with Tasi Tours and inform them that they are going to "take the bull by the horn" and that they are going to fix the road.

NORITA

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that each of the five island territories (the CNMI, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Puerto Rico) have professional contracts with the Census Bureau. Through these contracts, each territorial governor is mandated to appoint a Census office manager. According to the administration, the same procedure has been done back in the 2000 and the 2010 Census, with the Census office manager being a gubernatorial appointee.

Rumors that circulated in social media outlets questioned Norita's appointment, claiming that it was a sole-source contract.

The news briefing itself at the Office of the Governor's conference room on Capital Hill focused on the the upcoming 2020 Census, as well as regulations and mandates governing it.

The contract between the U.S. Census Bureau and the CNMI government is about $10.74 million, with the census to be conducted up to Jan. 31, 2021.

A previous social media post by Democrat Party officer Nola Hix described the Norita contract as "potentially illegal." When asked via email for comments about the administration's statement, Hix said that Patricia Guerrero sent Commerce Secretary Mark Rabauliman an Open Government Act request to inspect the contract. Guerrero confirmed that she sent such an email to request to Rabauliman and acting Procurement and Supply director Francisco Aguon.

CCC

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NMI's exercise of jurisdiction over all claims is appropriate.

Petersburg and Ernest said the District Court has jurisdiction over the federal questions presented in this case and supplemental jurisdiction over any other state law claims.

"Because transparency in casino regulation is not a sensitive area of social policy, resolution of state law issues will not obviate U.S. constitutional concerns, and the proper resolution of any state law issues is not uncertain, this court should not abstain and should exercise its jurisdiction over all claims," they said.

In IPI's motion for remand, IPI counsel Viola Alepuyo and Phillip J. Tydingco asserted that the law and the facts justify bringing their claims, if not their lawsuit, to the Superior Court.

Alepuyo and Tydingco cited grounds of the forum selection clause, the abstention doctrines of Pullman and Burford, abstention under Covenant, and the lack of supplemental jurisdiction and or declining to exercise supplemental jurisdiction.

Under the Pullman doctrine, a federal court may abstain or choose not to hear a case, until the state law question can be resolved in state court.

The Burford abstention doctrine essentially concerns protecting complex state administrative processes from undue federal interference.

Last June, IPI filed the lawsuit to prohibit CCC from disclosing publicly confidential income tax information that is the subject of dispute between IPI and CCC.

IPI sought the court's injunction following Rep. Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan) Open Government Act request.

Last month, CCC moved to transfer IPI's complaint to the District Court.

Mayor's office to host sayonara party tonight

Members of the Kokusai Seishonen Kenshu Kyokai or the International Youth Association of Japan pose with Nodayama Kindergarten chair Toshima Andou, vice chair Shizuka Gotou, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, and his staff yesterday at the Saipan Mayor's Office.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Saipan Mayor's Office will be hosting a farewell party tonight at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's poolside for a group of visitors from Japan. The party for the visiting students will begin a 6:30pm.

The visitors are from the Kokusai Seishonen Kenshu Kyokai or the International Youth Association of Japan. The group arrived on Saipan last Aug. 17 and will be leaving this Friday.

The KSKK group consists of nine students (ranging from ages 11 to 13) and a chaperone, and they are from Oita City in the Kyushu Prefecture. This trip marks the group's 40th annual visit to Saipan; they will celebrate the group's anniversary this December.

Five Saipan families played host to the visitors. The group spent the entirety of their trip touring Saipan and enjoying the sights and activities around the island.

The group visited Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang yesterday and were joined by the chairman and vice chairman of Nodayama Kindergarten, the school where the children graduated from; the children are now in middle school.

Nodayama Kindergarten chair Toshima Andou and vice chair Shizuka Gotou showed up unannounced at the mayor's office yesterday to surprise the children.

For more information about tonight's party, contact student exchange program coordinator Yuki Kishimoto at (670) 234-6208 or email her at ykishimoto@mos.gov.mp. ***(Marc A. Venus)***

IAO introduces money-saving workshops

The Indigenous Affairs Office hosted a money-saving workshops for children last July 30, according to IAO resident executive Roman Tudela Jr.

He said the IAO workshop was in collaboration with the Youth Affairs Office.

"Children tend to spend money recklessly and it is best that they learn how to save money at a young age," he said.

The IAO is right now working with the Northern Marianas College's Cooperative Research Extension and Education Services for future workshops for different age groups; the previous workshop had children aged 9 to 13 years old.

"The workshop will be free, but we hope parents can be able to bring at least 25 cents for an initial deposit for the [children's] piggy banks," Tudela said.

For more information contact the IAO at (670) 664-2664. ***(Marc A. Venus)***

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or office.its@pticom.com

Chinese and Korean interpreters and materials will be available.

Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control (ABTC)
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation: Community Guidance Center - Substance Abuse Prevention Services Unit

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OPEN INTERVIEW DAYS

Aug. 22nd Aug. 29th

12pm to 3pm | Charley's Cabaret

* To expedite the interview process, it is recommended to bring a completed job application with resume to the interview.

Rooms Division
- Executive Housekeeper
- Front Office Manager
- Guest Relations Officer

Food & Beverage
- Bartender
- Restaurant Manager

Maintenance & Engineering
- Assistant Maintenance Manager
- Building Maintenance

Culinary
- Steward
- Chef de Partie (Supervisor)
- Cook

Sports Entertainment & Activities
COMING SOON

Finance & Admin.
- Account Analyst
- Night Auditor
- Computer Support Specialist

*These are temporary, full-time positions and are open to eligible US citizens.

PACIFIC ISLANDS CLUB SAIPAN

For inquiries by telephone call (670)234-7976 (Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm) or email resume to hrcoordinator@picsaipan.com.

Pick up an application at Pacific Islands Club Saipan, San Antonio Street (Security Office) or online at www.picresorts.com/saipan/careers.

No establishments closed in May

No retail, eating, and drinking establishments in the CNMI were found with any serious violations of health and sanitation standards in inspections done last May.

Most of the establishments inspected obtained a "Grade A" rating, which means a score of 90-100. Grade B is a score of 80-89, while Grade C is 70-79. The lowest score usually means the closure or suspension of an establishment's license. For these establishments, the Bureau of Environmental Health provides the suspension date and the date they were certified to resume operations.

The inspections are done monthly by BEH, a division of the Commonwealth Health Care Corp.

Grade A: 45 establishments

1. Kylie's Bakeshop, Gualo Rai
2. Chungiwa Restaurant, Garapan
3. 360 Restaurant, Susupe
4. Pacific Trading Wholesale/ Retail, Puerto Rico
5. Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant, Garapan
6. Godfather's Bar/Restaurant, Garapan
7. Dolphin Mart, San Jose
8. Capitol Hill Market/Butcher, Capitol Hill
9. Bubba Gump Shrimp Restaurant/Bar, Garapan
10. Luen Fung Retail/Wholesale/ Butcher, Gualo Rai
11. Skyway Café, Dandan
12. Joeten Retail, Aiko's/Bakery, Susupe
13. LN Market/Butcher, Chalan Kanoa
14. Lao Market, Chalan Kanoa
15. Joy BBQ, Koblerville
16. Coco Restaurant, Garapan
17. GIG Disco, Garapan
18. Bossano Bar, Garapan
19. Boss Karaoke, Garapan
20. Zen Teppanyaki, Garapan
21. Grandvrio Resort, Garapan
21.1. Palapala Beach House
21.2. Retail
21.3. Catering
21.4. Cafeteria
21.5. Magalahi
21.6. Airi Coffee
21.7. Bakery
21.8. Dolphin
21.9. Pool Bar
21.10. Fiesta Hall
22. SPE Wholesale, Chalan Kiya
23. Natural Factor, Susupe
24. Philippine Goods BBQ Stand, San Jose
25. Great Harvest Bread Co, Chalan Kanoa
26. JTAF Kitchen, As Lito
27. I Love Saipan Shop 107, Garapan
28. Happy Noni Restaurant, Garapan
29. Seaside Mart, Garapan
30. Avenue Restaurant, Garapan
31. Kingfisher Golf Links Rest, Talafofo
32. Hollywood Theaters, San Jose
33. Poki Yaki, Gualo Rai
34. 3JM Vegetables and Fruits Mart, Garapan
35. 520 Restaurant, Garapan
36. Galaxy II Snackbar, Chalan Kanoa
37. Bai Le Men Bar, Chalan Kanoa
38. Hafa Adai Saipan Giftshop, Garapan
39. New Kagman Market, Kagman
40. Gentle Brook Restaurant Susupe
41. New Family Discount Market, Dandan
42. Hafa Adai Deli, Garapan
42.1. Retail
42.2. Restaurant
42.3. Butcher/Packing
43. Ace Hardware Retail, Susupe
44. Martha's Store
44.1. Butcher/packing
44.2. Retail
45. CYC Kagman Market, Kagman III

Grade B: 13 Establishments

1. Lavista Restaurant, Chalan Piao
2. Penguin Bar, Garapan
3. Midnight Club, San Jose
4. Sunshine Garden Restaurant, Susupe
5. US Mart, Garapan
6. M-II Ent Catering, Koblerville
7. New Matty's Catering and BBQ, As Lito
8. Restaurant Grotto, Garapan
9. New K Store, As Matuis
10. Shun Fu Market, Gualo Rai
11. Sharky's Restaurant, Garapan
12. Da Ke Yi Restaurant, Garapan
13. My Space Restaurant, Garapan

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-19-031

SAN VICENTE WATER TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the Construction of San Vicente Water Tank Replacement Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consist of removal of existing 0.5 million gallon steel tank, yard piping, concrete vaults, and all other appurtenances; one (1) additional boring at the center of the existing tank; design and construction of the new 0.75 million gallon pre-stressed concrete water tank and foundation; installation of new water tank piping, valve vaults, control valves, and other appurtenances; construction of new perimeter security fencing and facility lighting; construction of new asphalt concrete access road; and installation of temporary storage tanks at the San Vicente Tank site. The project also includes installation of PSV station with flowmeter at the Dandan Tank site. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in 365 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **August 21, 2019** at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-19-031, San Vicente Water Tank Replacement Project"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 9:00 AM (ChST) September 6, 2019**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on **August 22, 2019** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Kirztie Reyes, Water Division, Jr. Engineer via email address kirztie.reyes@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC P&S, Purchasing Technician, Senior – christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.
Purchasing Administrator

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-19-014, Rev.1

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF PRIMARY SCREEN, GRIT & FOG REMOVAL EQUIPMENT

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the supply and delivery of Primary Screen, Grit and Fog Removal Equipment for the Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plant at CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-work will be emailed to all registered prospective proposers email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Proposal Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-19-014, Rev.1, Supply and Delivery of Primary Screen, Grit and Fog Removal Equipment for the Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plant, Saipan"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **September 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 23, 2019** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Westen Knudsen, P.E., Senior Engineer for Water/Wastewater at email address westen.knudsen@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrative Technician, Senior at email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE
Acting, Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.
Purchasing Administrator

Public's help sought in identifying two burglars

This frame grab from a surveillance footage shows an unknown individual walking around the parking lot, and he appears to be walking from one vehicle to the next, checking for any unlocked vehicle doors.

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Surveillance footage of burglary at KagES

The CNMI Department of Public Safety received a 911 call on Wednesday, July 3, 2019, at about 5:55am, reporting a burglary incident at the Kagman Elementary School.

Police officers dispatched to the scene arrived at around 6:10am and noticed a shattered glass door while walking toward the main office entrance.

At the scene officers met with an individual who is employed at the school. The individual led officers to an unsecured rear entrance door into the main office and explained that the rear door is always locked and secured.

Officers continued to make their way throughout the building, where they noticed leftover snack wrappers scattered throughout a connecting room. The individual who reported the incident said that a container of miscellaneous coins had been taken from a desk drawer in that room.

The officer continued making observations throughout the building and was led into the principal's office, where the officer noticed several candy wrappers scattered throughout the room. In the next room, the individual showed officers several items that were out of place, including a set of lost and found keys, and a box containing files.

In viewing the exterior surveillance footage of the time the incident took place, police detectives saw an unknown individual walking around the school premises with a black hooded sweater. The individual appears to have forced his way into one of the school's doors.

This case remains ongoing. If you have any information on the identification of the unknown individual seen in surveillance footage, call 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, call the CNMI Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272. ***(PR)***

Burglary at MMC2 apartments in CK

The CNMI Department of Public Safety received a 911 call last Sunday, Aug. 11, 2019, at about 9:32am, reporting a burglary incident at the MMC2 apartments in Chalan Kanoa. At about 10:28am, a second victim drove to the DPS central station to file a complaint. At approximately 10:39am, a third individual approached an officer at the DPS central station stating that his vehicle had been burglarized, also at the MMC2 apartments. In separate interviews, all victims mentioned that their vehicles were equipped with an alarm system, and none of them heard any alarms go off the night prior.

This frame grab from a surveillance footage shows an unknown individual walking around the Kagman Elementary School premises with a black hooded sweater.

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Police officers were able to view the building's surveillance footage and noticed an unknown individual walking around the parking lot, and he appears to be walking from one vehicle to the next, checking for any unlocked vehicle doors. It is believed that no alarms were triggered because the vehicles have not been properly secured.

This case remains ongoing. If you have any information on the identification of the unknown individual seen in here, call 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, call the CNMI Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272. ***(PR)***

Workshop on the responsible sales of alcohol and tobacco

Island Training Solutions, in partnership with the Commonwealth Health Care Corp., Community Guidance Center, through the support of the Department of Commerce, Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control Division, will be offering responsible alcohol and tobacco sales and services training for businesses who holds a Class-4 Off-Sale Alcohol Retailer license and Class-2 Tobacco Retailer license.

The training will focus on how to properly ID customers and how to decline or refuse a sale. Part of the discussion will also cover the regulations, in addition to the importance of selling alcohol and tobacco responsibly and prevent the sale of alcohol and tobacco to minors.

The training will be held on Aug. 28 at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan with the following classes:

■ Alcohol Retailer Workshop (Class-4 Off-Sale Alcohol Retailer Licensees): 8:30am–11:30am (Korean and Chinese interpreters will be available)

■ Tobacco Merchant Workshop (Class-2 Tobacco Retailer Licensees): 1pm–3:30pm

There will be handouts offered in Chinese and Korean to help businessowners and managers whose primary language is not English. There will also be interpreters who will help with the training and allow for questions.

The ABTC Division urges all licensed Class-4 Off-Sale Alcohol Retailers and Class-2 Tobacco Retailers to attend or send a company representative to this training.

To confirm your attendance, email islandtrainingsolutions@gmail.com or office.its@pticom.com with the name of your store and the names of the participants from your business who will attend. ***(PR)***

Saipan Centennial Lions Club, 2018 ICC
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The International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) is the world's largest single-day cleanup event with the goal of collecting and documenting trash littering our coastlines and waterways. Volunteers from states and territories throughout the U.S. and over 100 countries worldwide come together each year and participate in the cleanup event near them.
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1,532
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17 SIS students earn AP Scholar awards

Alex Park

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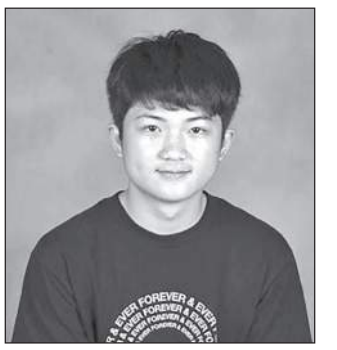
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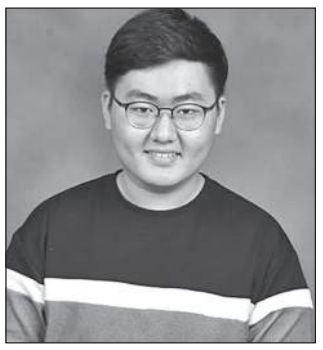
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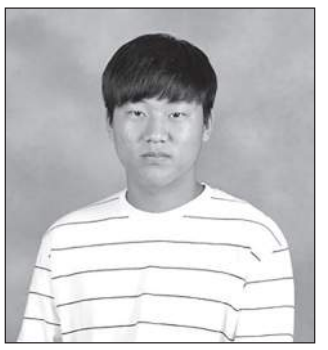
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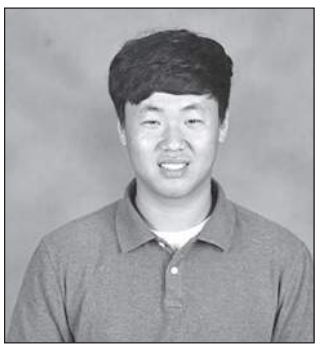
Junhee Lee

Malika Miyawaki

Michael Lee

Prunella Pellegrino

Sally Lai

Sangyoon Lee

Steven Goodwin

Tania Tan

Seventeen Saipan International School students have been awarded the prestigious Advanced Placement Scholar Award after mastering the required skills, concepts, and content material.

The College Board's AP program provides students the opportunity to earn college credit through rigorous college-level work in high school and recognizes four levels of achievement based on student performance and AP exams.

The highest level of academic distinction is AP Scholar with Distinction, followed by AP Scholar with Honor, and AP Scholar.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers academically prepared students the chance to take rigorous, university-level courses during their high school years.

Steven Goodwin, Sally Lai, Junhee Lee, Henry Qian, Jon Paul Sablan, and Anika Snyder joined Junbum Huh and Tania Tan as AP Scholars, having earned a score of 3 or higher on at least three AP exams.

Three students—Anna Calvert, Michael Lee, and Sangyoon Lee—earned the added distinction of AP Scholar with Honors by averaging at least 3.25 on all AP exams and a 3 or higher on four or more exams.

Andrew Hudkins, Malika Miayawaki, Eunseo No, Alex Park, Hyeonjoon Park, and Prunella Pellegrino were all awarded with the top honor, AP Scholar with Distinction, scoring an average of 3.5 or higher on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more exams.

Sangyoon Lee, Jon Paul Sablan and Anika Snyder were further honored with the award of National AP Scholar.

Last May, 31 SIS students took a total of 68 AP exams. Of the 68 exams taken, 81 percent received a score of 3 or better. This marks a new high for SIS and surpasses both the CNMI average of 20 percent passing and the national average of 61 percent, illustrating the perseverance of SIS students and teachers, particularly in the wake of Yutu.

According to the AP Ledger, SIS now offers 12 AP courses, the highest number of course offerings in the CNMI.

This year, SIS added AP Biology, AP Calculus BC, AP Physics and AP Research to its existing course offerings of AP Calculus AB. AP English Language and Composition, AP Literature and Composition, AP Human Geography, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, AP Seminar and AP Statics.

SIS will also graduate its first AP Capstone Diploma students this year as 100% of the AP Seminar students passed the first half of the AP Capstone diploma requirements.

SIS is the only school in Micronesia that is authorized to offer the prestigious AP Capstone Diploma. ***(PR)***

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Public Notice

The Department of Public Lands (DPL) would like to inform the general public that our office will be closed on

Friday, August 23, 2019

for staff Professional Development Day.
Our office will resume its normal operations on Monday, August 26, 2019.
Thank you for your understanding and sorry for any inconveniences.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CNMI GOVERNMENT
INVITATION TO BID

INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: DPW19-ITB-016

SUBMISSION DATE: September 23, 2019 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"Apengahg St. and Ghilis St. Road and Drainage Improvement"

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THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **September 6, 2019**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **September 12, 2019** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ JAMES A. ADA
SECRETARY, DPW

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S

Employment Opportunity

The NMI Board of Nursing seeks a Fulltime Office Clerk:

Essential competencies
1. Communications
2. Organizational skills
3. Computers: Data base management

Qualifications
High School graduate with at least two (2) years experience in customer service. Must have strong administrative skills are required, as well as advanced computer skills including knowledge of MS word, Excel and power point.

Closing Date: August 30th, 2019.

A detailed copy describing the individual position is available by request through our email below.

Interested applicants please submit your resume and a cover letter to:
NMI BON
Email: nmibon@gmail.com
Subject: Office Clerk

New Matson vessel makes inaugural Guam arrival

GUAM—Matson, Inc., a leading U.S. carrier in the Pacific, celebrated the inaugural arrival of its newest Aloha-class containership, *Kaimana Hila,* at a dockside event at the Port Authority of Guam yesterday.

Kaimana Hila will serve Guam as a part of Matson's weekly scheduled service, delivering cargo from the West Coast of the U.S. mainland and Hawaii.

Christened in March of this year, *Kaimana Hila* is the second of two state-of-the-art Aloha-class containerships built for Matson by Philly Shipyard at a total investment of approximately $418 million for the pair.

Matson also recently christened *Lurline*, the first of two new Kanaloa-class combination container/roll-on, roll-off vessels, which will be placed into Hawaii service later this year. The fourth new ship, *Matsonia*, will be delivered next year.

"We are very proud to welcome *Kaimana Hila* to Guam," said Vic Angoco, senior vice president, Pacific. "Guam has been an important hub for Matson for close to 25 years. These new vessels herald a new era in shipping for Matson and will allow us to serve our customers better than ever for decades to come."

In addition to *Kaimana Hila*'s service to Guam, all new vessels will serve the Hawaii market, which is an important hub for Guam. Much of the island's cargo from two of Matson's U.S. mainland ports is relayed in Honolulu. Improving the reliability and efficiency of Matson's Hawaii service also benefits customers in Guam.

Bernie Valencia, vice president and general manager for Guam and Micronesia, said, "Matson is always looking for ways to better serve our customers in this region. We were very excited to receive the news that *Kaimana Hila* would be deployed to Guam. The addition of the new vessel will significantly increase capacity and further improve on-time performance, which is what our customers rely on Matson to deliver."

Yesterday's ceremony was attended by approximately 80 people, including dignitaries, industry partners, members of the local new media, and Matson staff. Acting Guam governor Josh Tenorio, along with Sen. Clynt Ridgell; Capt. Theodore Bernhard, chairman of Maritime Transportation; Port Authority of Guam board members Isa Koki and Anthony Chargualaf, and acting Port Authority of Guam director Dominick Muña joined Valencia in the official *kadenan katupat* ("green" ribbon) cutting before boarding the vessel for a guided tour.

» Ship is largest containership built in US to serve Guam

Kaimana Hila arrives in Guam. Photo courtesy of Cabras Marine Corp.

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Kaimana Hila

"Kaimana Hila" is a Hawaiian transliteration for "Diamond Head," the name of Hawaii's iconic landmark crater near Waikiki Beach.

Weighing in at over 51,400 metric tons, the 850-foot long and 3,600 TEU* capacity, sister ships *Kaimana Hila* and *Daniel K. Inouye* are the largest containerships ever constructed in the U.S. They are also Matson's fastest vessels, with a top speed of nearly 24 knots, helping ensure on-time deliveries in Guam and Hawaii from Matson's three West Coast terminals in Seattle, Oakland and Long Beach.

In addition, both Aloha-class vessels incorporate the latest environmentally-friendly technology, including dual fuel engines that can be adapted to use liquefied natural gas, double hull fuel tanks, fresh water ballast systems and a more fuel-efficient hull design.

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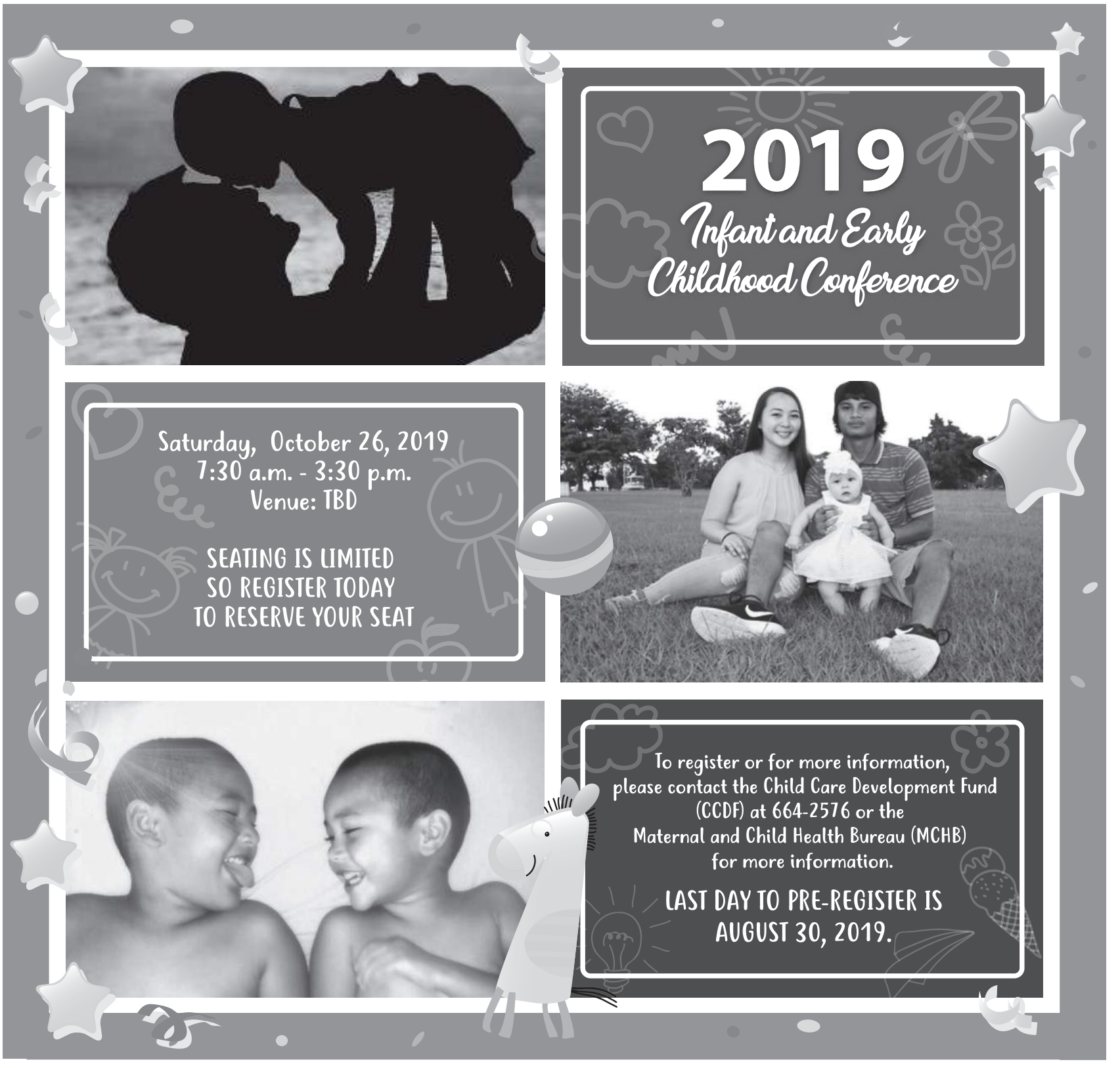
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Include measles vaccine on your checklist of back-to-school supplies

Worry about measles fades over the summer. Kids scatter to parks and beaches instead of congregating in classrooms and cafeterias, where a cough or sneeze can leave the virus hanging in the air for up to two hours. By late August, with school back in session or nearly so, the scarring pox pops back into view.

Amid misinformation repeated by anti-vaxxers and a jump in the tally of families receiving exemptions from the vaccines required of school-age children, Illinois is trying a good-cop approach to bolstering immunity. It has increased access to vaccines and invested in public awareness. The Illinois Department of Public Health is promoting the hashtag #VaxToSchool to urge parents to place vaccinations on the list of essential school preparations, a counterpoint to aggressive use of social media by anti-vaxxers.

If those efforts work, perhaps Illinois can avoid the next escalation: removing the option to receive a religious exemption, as a handful of states have already done.

So far, the gentle approach hasn't been effective. Illinois tightened the procedure for religious exemptions in 2015. What happened? Many more Illinois students—more than 19,000 in 2018, up from 13,000 in 2013—have since been denied the protection of vaccines by parents claiming faith-based reasons.

The measles vaccine is safe and effective, yet the spike in the disease in the United States has been dramatic 19 years after it was declared eliminated. By early August, nearly 1,200 cases of measles had been confirmed in 30 states, reports the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It's the most cases since 1992 and up from just 63 cases in 2010. Just last week, a 43-year-old Israeli flight attendant died after contracting measles and developing the complication encephalitis, or swelling of the brain.

Illinois child care facilities and schools require a variety of immunizations, including diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus, polio, measles, mumps and rubella. Medical exemptions are allowed for children who have compromised immune systems or other health issues. Illinois also allows nonmedical exemptions, almost always based on religious grounds. Illinois does not, at least, allow a "philosophical" exemption, which some states still do.

Illinois has strong "herd immunity," which holds widespread outbreaks in check. But concern is rising over the number of schools that fall under the benchmark 95% vaccination rate.

Tolerance of vaccine avoidance should end well before children reach the school door, where that choice puts others in danger. Let the semester begin with an easy ethics and civics lesson: Maintaining public health is mandatory.

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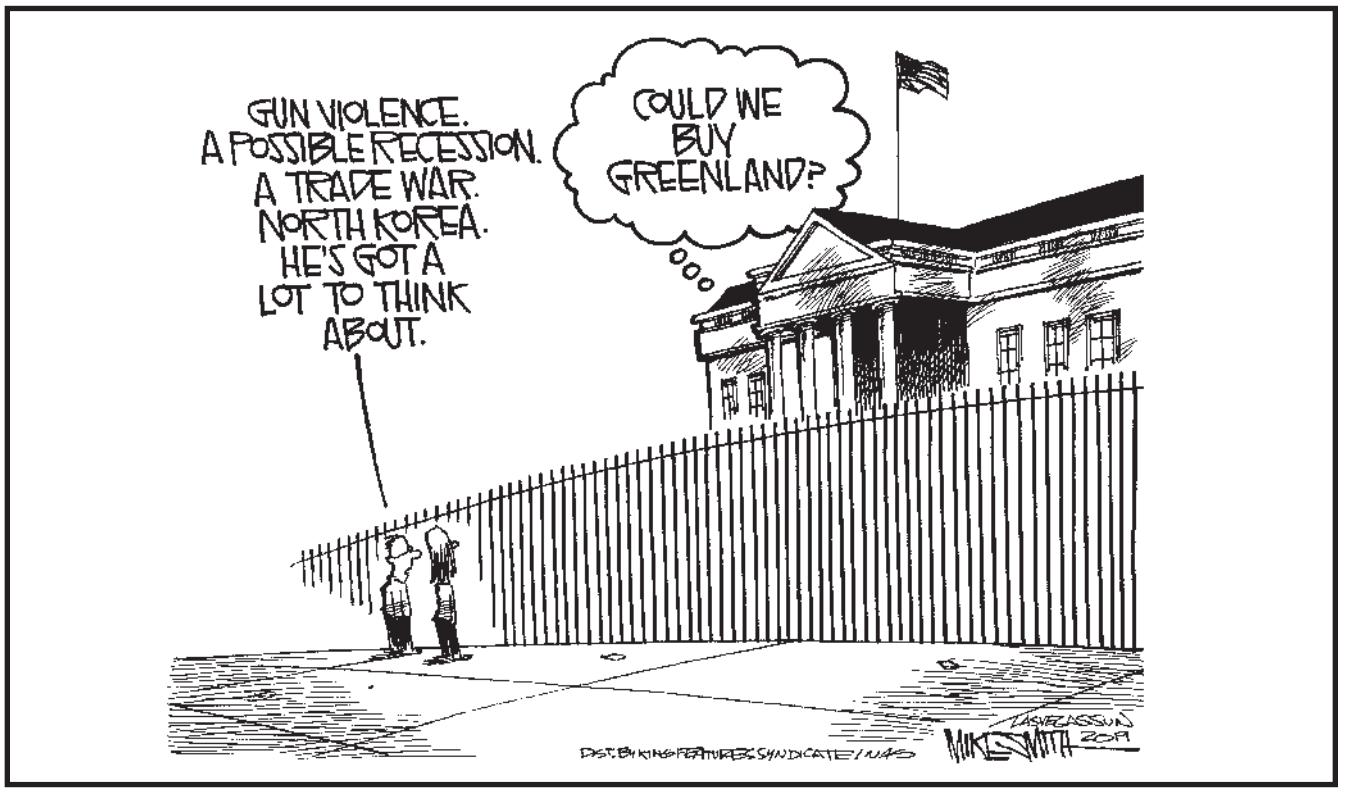
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Save the world and look hot

By NAOMI DAROM
Chicago Tribune

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"Mom, look," said my daughter Mika. She was sitting on her bed, poring over the "Marvel Encyclopedia," a door-stopper catalog of superheroes recently borrowed from the public library. "The men here look so big and strong," she said as she pointed to the glossy pages, "but the women all look like this"—she sucked in her stomach to indicate a concave abdomen and a minuscule waist.

The women also had ample breasts, though my 8-year-old may be too young to notice. In fact, they all looked alike: While getting their busts augmented to double-Ds, they also apparently had asked for their lower ribs to be removed.

Hyper-sexualization of women in comics is hardly news; what makes it relevant today—what made my daughter open that book in the first place—is the fact that so many of these superheroines are leaping to the big screens.

Natalie Portman just announced that she is set to take on the role of a female Thor, after male Thor has abandoned his superhero duties. Scarlett Johansson's Black Widow is finally getting her own movie. They follow in the footsteps of the "Wonder Woman" movie, which in 2017 became the highest-grossing superhero origin movie of all time and of Brie Larson's "Captain Marvel," which earlier this year became the ninth highest-grossing superhero movie ever. We seem to be cresting a wave of heavily monetized female empowerment.

As a child of the 1970s, who had to settle for meek Disney princesses as role models, I am a sucker for new feminist heroes and will happily take my kids to see them all. But lately, I have started noticing that in these brave new films, one edict of the old comic books remains: Women may be powerful, but they must also be hot. Gal Gadot, Larson, Johansson and Portman would all look just as natural on the cover of Vogue as they do on the battlefield. And although the most ostensibly pornified physiques and Catwoman fetish costumes are thankfully gone, superheroines still fight in catsuits and short skirts, the better to show off their marvelous bodies.

This is female empowerment, filtered through the male gaze.

It is really rather odd. We're constantly told, by stars and studios, that these movies are about breaking barriers, empowering women, increasing diversity. Yet why are superheroines today allowed personalities, professional lives, cool gadgets, lassos of truth and sassy comebacks, but not rolls of fat, pimples or big noses?

"Well," said my husband when I complained to him, "aren't superheroes supposed to look, you know, super?"

Good point, I thought, so let's look at the other team: While most super-men are muscly, and some are veritable eye-candy (I'm looking at you, Captain America), others are allowed at least some diversity of looks. The Hulk has settled into his form as a genial green giant; Deadpool wears a mask over a sad vista of scars; "Fantastic Four's" The Thing is basically a pile of rocks; "Guardians of the Galaxy's" Drax looks like a tattooed wall, and don't get me started on the raccoon.

In "Avengers: Endgame," handsome Norse god Thor grows a thicket of a beard and a beer belly—and stays that way throughout the film! Can we imagine his Avengers' colleague Black Widow, played by one of our era's most beautiful actresses, with a bulging gut? Wonder Woman with a rocky complexion? The Wasp with anything but a wasp waist?

The truth is that as these women break barriers, patriarchy keeps reminding them that they can't break all the barriers. In "Long Shot," one of this year's most publicized romantic comedies, a woman is elected president, which in the current political climate is a true superhero feat. Unsurprisingly, this barrier-breaking hero is played by the statuesque Charlize Theron, demonstrating that women can be anything—even presidents! As long as they are ridiculously, off-the-charts beautiful.

This subtle sexism is easy to miss, not only because we are so used to stunning leading ladies but because beauty has always been a form of female superpower. The Disney princesses I grew up watching may have seemed pliant and meek, but they possessed the secret weapon of their doe eyes, creamy complexion and cascading shiny hair, the better to persuade a man to save them, fight a witch on their behalf or search for the perfect little foot to match the glass slipper. These movies provided an education: Being pretty is the path to power. We learned the lesson well, and have been on a diet ever since.

In fact, for ages, beauty was almost the only power a woman had. Unless she nabbed a man before her bloom faded, she was ruined. It is a very short window. A nubile youth is the stuff of poetry; a sagging spinster is a tragedy, or at most comic relief in a Jane Austen novel. And so, folded inside every contemporary superwoman is the ultimate female superpower: Her legs are long, her abs are taut, her cheekbones exquisite. It seems that we have replaced one set of impossible standards (be pretty and helpless) with another (deflect bullets and also have a killer body).

This is about more than self-esteem and Dove-style body-acceptance campaigns: It's about power. As Naomi Wolf wrote in "The Beauty Myth," "The stronger women were becoming politically, the heavier the ideals of beauty would bear down upon them." Twenty-eight years after Wolf wrote her manifesto, the ideal heroine remains, in her words, "the gaunt, yet full-breasted Caucasian, not often found in nature." The only difference is that nowadays, the woman is sometimes allowed to be black (or green or blue). Despite the progress made on women's rights, girls still feel not good enough because they don't look like the women on their various screens. How will they feel empowered to demand that the world doesn't judge them on the same op-

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Gi Karera Mona

Dichosu i tautau ni mehnalum pot siña hali`e haf` mamamaila`. Este na bittot (virtue) sumen bali gi inadahen ha`anita.

Kada unu mana`e nu este na bittot `nai un` atan haf` gaige gi oriya-mu gi asuntomu siha diariu. Dispues `nai mamatinas suanu na disposision.

■■■

Este i umekuñgug ti libianu. Pot ihemplo: faisen i amigumu "hafa kattan". Ensegidas ha tanchu kattan na direksion. I kuestion "hafa" ti "manu". Ineppe: atlibes sanlichan.

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Hu tamtam ñaihon haf` sessu kehan i tautau gi señgsuñg siha guine. Pot baratu na suetdun popble i mas ya hululu` na sentimentu.

Satbayun mohon este na asuntun linahyan? Haf` na ditension na inipus anaku` na tiempu deste ke maletke i asuntu?

Husga

Mauleg umatutuhun gi hinisgan hiniyuñg fiñkas Japones guine. Kuantu na fondu malagnus ginen Marianas? Guaha fondo`ta kumatsu i biyon pot biyon pesus na maliñgu?

Este na chinatsaga ti menus ke $7 biyon pesus na maliñgu para Marianas. Guaha fondu para ta katsu este na maliñgu? Kau presisu na asuntu para i mangaige gi hegsu` I Deni`? Kau in` komprende na pot kualidat linala` tautau-ta i asuntu?

Dibina

Haf` motibu na ha lagnusgue` Japones guine? Guaha gi entre man-ma`gas kumetuñgu` este na puntu? Dañkulu na maliñgu ya dudayu` kau siña ta soda`e tahgueña.

Maribahan fiñkas humuchum parehu ha` bisnis yan appottunidat cho`chu` para i tautau-ta siha. Pat guaha dañkulu na planun adelantun bisnis ginen hamyu para i tautau? Siña `in daña`e tautau-ta haf` ennau na planu?

Fiñkas

Dos seriosu masusede: malagnus dañkulu na fondu yan mahuchum cho`chu` siha. Gi todu atmos banda maliñgu Marianas ni dañkulu.

Haf` umatisa este na disision? Kau guaha insuttu manmana`yan i los probes na mahuchum todu bisnis niha guine?

Mandiskuidau hit guine na patte. Guaha fondo-ta para ta katsu $7 Biyon pesus na maliñgu? Ni kuantu na achu` Taga` tana` kilulug ni unu u finahan!

Ti apmam yan pa`gu siempre u anog aminasu ginen este na sinisede. Chatsaga! Buente guaha mas mauleg na planun hegsu` I Deni` na kulan mampus mañgontentu gi kinalamten guine.

Asuntu

I publiku ha tuñgu` haf` asuntoña maseha silensiu gi finapus ha`ane. Halum otdinariu na konbetsasion gi fina inetnun `nai oppan i figan gi sentimentoña.

Mampus na` disganau pot taya` fitme na planu oppan para manu hit guine na karera. Mientras tantus, mas menus fuetsan monedan familia gi gima`. Makat yan sapet na pinadese. Mañiñila` i kandet i gima`, lau kau guaha tautau?

Ti apmam yan pa`gu siempre u ma-atisa ginen i publiku kobransan planu yan adelantu ginen Da Boysis ginen hegsu` I Deni`. Nai makat hinanau familia naturat na u guaha oppan kuestion siha ginen i publiku.

Ti nahuñg i para in` fatkiluye i asuntu. Kontra linala` familia gi halum guma` niha i dichu asuntu.

Rinikonose

Asuntun chinatsagan familia umafuetsas-yu` rumikonose `nos kuantus guma` guine pot konfitmasion. Nachatsaga ta huñgug pinadesen tautau-ta ni munesessita ausiliu.

Gaige i asuntu gi offisiun membron familia—cho`chu`. `An felis este na patte pues libianu kinalamten halum guma`. Pa`gu `an fatsu, sapet lokue` para i familia, diariu.

Ta diseseha na u sustenigue` hinemlu` bisnis guine. `Nai bula fondu yan appotunidat cho`chu`, mas libianu lokue` ha`anen tautau-ta siha.

Gigon maribaha kontodu chinatsaga ha kilili` halum. Menus cho`chu`. Kastigu para i manlistu para u fan eyag offisiu pot satbasion niha mismu.

Asuntun ekonomia inipus komplikau piot pot isla. Poresu na debi u guaha fotmat na inasoda` manma`gas para uma-atan haf` na modun planu mauleg para Ekonomian Isla. Gi hilu` sinparat na animu siempre ta danche haf` ta aliligau.

Sunidu

Sige lahihu bisñietu ha rasgueo dandaña ukulele mientras kumakanta. Kulan ume`emahalañg pot na`pinite tunadan kantaña. Hu ekuñgug ñaihon. Ha faisenyu` dispues haf` mohon na palabra mauleg.

Hu bira tatte i asuntu guiya gi hechuran haf` gaige hinassoña! U tuge` kantaña pot ayu na attikulu. Libianu `an ha limitte gi haf` gaige gi hinassoña. Hu ayudaye dispues tumuge` papa` gi finu` Chamoru.

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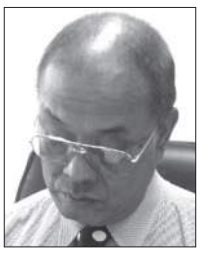
**Guma`:** Un` kanta ilegña na "todu ham man-dañkulu giya Talufo`fu`'". Sumen magahet na makat ta malefan ñaihon i fina`pus familia gi hagas guma`.

Gi finu` un` famosu na kantata: "Ti gi un` palasyun i riku `nai gaige kamahu, solu ke un` popblen guma`yu` `nai mafañagu…."

Magahet na ni tafan malag manu tat mas felis yan trañkilu ke plaset tano`ta. Hana` hassuyu` ni hagas guma` gi Lali Fo`.

Adahe na pagyu fumatoigue hit lau ni unu umestotba i lugat mame. Mit grasias gi Saina pot todu i proteksioña. Bendision!



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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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TOAST: Old Age Poems

LITERARY NOOK

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Continued from Monday

On Aug. 19, 1988, then-President Ronald Reagan signed Proclamation 5847, declaring Aug. 21 as National Senior Citizen's Day. This date was proclaimed World Senior Citizen's Day by the United Nations in 1990. To mark the occasion, I have here a new series of sonnets with aging as the central theme. I call it "T.O.A.S.T." or "Timeworn Old Age Senior Tales" for Senior Citizen's Day.

Hippocampus Hiphop Heralded

Hippocampus hip hop? Well color me curious yellow
hyped up at a RIP pit stop for a rare rest stop in hell
locations in the gray matter more and more mellow
when memory processing leaves us forever is hard to tell.

In the hippocampus on the banks of the corpus callosum,
the river inside our cranium that always flows two ways,
on a boat afloat in membrane mist just gotta tell you some
ride this ferry crossing mirth filling memory between bays.

Stuck on synaptic sandbanks electric charges blow their siren
as far as memory is concerned my recall is getting much shorter
and millions of those interstitial axions just keep right on a firing
storing stuff in memory banks along the ridged hippocampus border.

Hip hop, non stop, flip trip, flopping along, rap coming on strong
yesterday, today, and tomorrow memories all humming along.

Old Age Rap: Freestyling Smiling and Beguiling

Time for an old age nap, so I›ll shut my trap. but before I go,
a little freestyle rap from Uncle Joe. now you know, lets grow,
together on sunny days and in rainy weather, uh oh on a hotdog roll,
gotta get it off my heart and soul, trying to make sense of the whole truth and nothing but, sometimes rude, at times uncouth, from beleaguered brain
to instinctual gut, gotta dance, have to punt, waltz with the winners,
stop over eating at buffet dinners, stay up in front, fall behind, fall back, keep stealing bases, keep running for home, among philosophers East to West I roam, and put my thoughts in a doggerel poem. I like freestyle rap like this, sometimes I hit, sometimes I miss, from my corpus callosum
a little kiss. peace and love has to come from below the amygdala to above the cerebellum, just gotta tell 'em, not yet senile inside the cranial membrane need I explain, as my memory drains, someone calls out to me, Hey Pop !
looks like its about time for me to stop this freestyle hippocampus hip hop.

The meaning of the semicolon tattoo and what it means for mental health

By: AMBER ALBERTS
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Have you ever seen someone with the semicolon tattoo and wondered why they had it? Well, there is actually a lot of meaning behind it. After watching a movie where one of the characters had the tattoo, I was intrigued so I looked it up. I found out that people get this as an affirmation and solidarity against mental illnesses, depression, and suicide. A way to remember all they have been through and continue to struggle with. A way to express themselves, to remember that they are survivors. It represents their own struggles, victories and personal stories in a subtle yet meaningful and powerful way. People may also get this tattoo to support the cause. They sometimes incorporate the semicolon into a larger tattoo design. I actually really love this idea after getting matching, meaningful tattoos with my two sisters and niece a few months ago. This is a great kind of bonding experience and a way for one another to support each other through tough times. It also raises awareness within the community. Tattoos supporting a great cause!

Project Semicolon was founded in 2013 by Amy Bleuel, who had struggled with addiction, depression, and rape as well as her father's death by suicide. She wanted to remember her survival and her story. She started the semicolon tattoo trend because it is "used when an author could've chosen to end their sentence, but chose not to. The author is you and the sentence is your life." Project Semicolon is a non-profit, faith-based organization that aims to raise awareness about mental health and suicide prevention by better educating the community through information and resources. The non-profit has helped over 5.2 million people since 2013.

In Amy's words, taken from the Semicolon Project's website, "Despite the wounds of a dark past I was able to rise from the ashes, proving that the best is yet to come. When my life was filled with the pain of rejection, bullying, suicide, self-injury, addiction, abuse and even rape, I kept on fighting. I didn't have a lot of people in my corner, but the ones I did have kept me going. In my 20 years of personally struggling with mental health I experienced many stigmas associated with it. Through the pain came inspiration and a deeper love for others. God wants us to love one another despite the label we wear. I do pray my story inspires others. Please remember there is hope for a better tomorrow."

If you or someone you know is struggling with depression, suicide or mental illness you can visit https://projectsemicolon.com/ or contact NMPASI at 235-7273/4 or online at www.nmpasi.org.

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pressive scale?

One noteworthy exception to this rule has been Melissa McCarthy's fat secret agent from 2015 movie "Spy." Although that movie grossed $235 million worldwide, 20th Century Fox has no plans to shoot a sequel. "They just didn't wanna do it," director Paul Feig said of the studio. One can only speculate as to why.

This is not good enough. Studios are counting on women to flock to these movies, but they keep imagining female power in ways that are non-threatening to men. We should demand a "Spy" sequel. We should demand superheroes that look like actual women. We should demand the power to look like a pile of rocks, if that's what our narrative arc requires. Only when that has been achieved, and not a minute before, can studios lay claim to women-empowerment marketing hype.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon near Guam.	Partly cloudy. Isolated showers. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon mainly near Guam. North winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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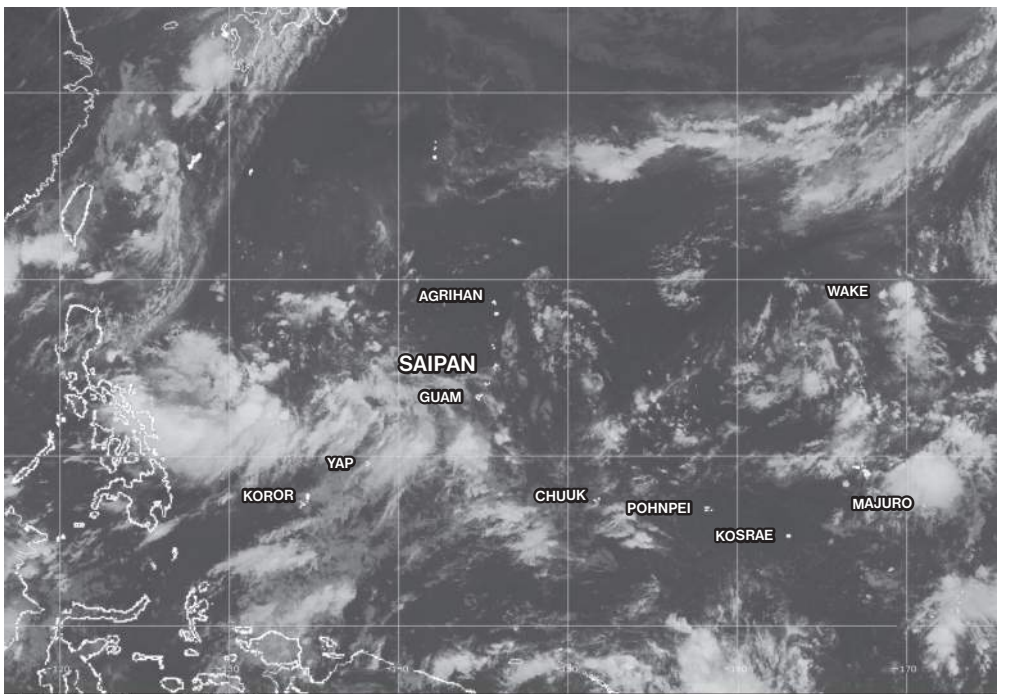

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MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	84° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 76°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86° / 81°

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Auckland	Partly Cloudy	57° / 52°
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	99° / 73°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	90° / 82°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	90° / 78°
London	Partly Cloudy	73° / 55°
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	76° / 63°
Manila	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	54° / 39°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	86° / 79°
New York	Thunderstorms	88° / 76°
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	90° / 79°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	75° / 54°
Busan	Thunderstorms	84° / 75°
Rome	Sunny	91° / 70°
Salem	Thunderstorms	89° / 71°
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	72° / 59°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	86° / 70°
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	88° / 77°
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	95° / 76°

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10:59 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.68
5:18 PM	LOW TIDE	0.73
11:24 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.84

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
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7C3401	4:10pm	8:10pm	1, 2, 3, 5, 6

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	12:05pm	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA117/183	9:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	9:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:35am	8:25am	1
UO43	5:50am	8:40am	3, 5, 7
UA117/159	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:30am	8:15am	Daily
UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	3

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:10pm	Daily
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	1, 2, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:40pm	4:10am+1	3, 5

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	8:50pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	8:10pm	3:10am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:50pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA192/174	9:45pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174	10:25pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/174	11:30pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:20pm	00:30am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:25pm	1:20am+1	7
UO42	9:25pm	4:20am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/174	10:45pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; BC SkyMark ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Business

A computer for your child

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Having a computer or laptop these days is a necessity. Having one for school use is important and finding the right device for your child is equally important.

Nat Angeles, who heads the Information & Technology department of TanHoldings, said the determining factors when choosing laptops for students is limited to three things—cost, performance, and portability. "Students do not need a high-end computing device since it is more for internet browsing when doing research and for creating paperwork."

"Considering the budget without suffering on the performance, mid-range specs are what I would recommend. On top of this, I think it is also important to consider the durability of the unit to make sure that the investment is worth it, thus the brand and model should be also put into consideration," he added.

Angeles believes that Amazon.com is on top of the list when it comes to purchasing laptops as they always have a better deals compared to any other online retailers. His recommendations include:

■ Surface Laptop 2 by Microsoft OS Windows, CPU 8th-gen Intel Core i5-i7, Screen 13.5-inch, memory 8GB-16GB, storage 128 GB up to 1 TB SSD, weight 2.76 lbs, size 12.13 x 8.79 x 0.96 inches, battery life 14.5 hours, and price range $650 to $700

■ Microsoft Surface Go OS Windows, CPU Intel Pentium Gold 4415Y, Screen 10-inch. Storage 64GB eMMC-128GB SSD, weight 1.15 lbs, size 12.12x 8.79 x 0.96 inches, battery life 9 hours and price range $399-450.

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Aida Sakurai of Digitech Computer Services in Garapan said that they have had parents come to the store with their children to buy laptops just in time before school opens. "Laptops are in demand before the opening of classes," she said.

Popular laptop among students are:

■ 2017 HP 14" HD SVA WLED with BrightView Backlit Screen Premium High Performance Chromebook, Intel Celeron Processor, 12GB eMMC, GB RAM, 4GB SSD, WIFI, Bluetooth, HDMI, Webcam, USB 3.0, Chrome OS, comes with free Microsoft Office and for only $379.

■ ASUS 16.6" Full HD with Touchscreen LED, Intel Integrated Graphics, Intel Pentium Quadcore, 4GB memory hard drive 64 GB eMMC, Wifi/Bluetooth and Chrome OS for only $469.

■ ASUS 14" HD LED with AMD Radeon R4 Graphics, processor AMD A6-9225, 4GB memory, 500GB Hard drive, Wifi/Blutooth, Windows 10, free Microsoft Office for only $409.

■ HP 15.6 HD SVA BrightView WLED-backlit with Intel Core 13 8th generation, 4 GB + 16 GB (Optane memory = 20GB) 1TB Hard drive, Wifi/bluetooth, windows 10, free Microsoft Office for only $529.

■ HP HD SVA WLED Touchscreen, Intel Pentium processor N5000 Quad core, 4 GB memory. 1TB Hard Drive, Wifi/Bluetooth, Windows 10, free Microsoft for only $489.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot 117 D 11 and Lot 117 D 13 containing an area of approximately 6,292 square meters, more or less, situated in Puerto Rico, Saipan. Copies of the location of the parcels are available at the Department of Public Lands and website www.dpl.gov.mp for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Vertical Aviation, LLC. The list of officers for Vertical Aviation, LLC. are Mr. Li Li Yang, as President and Owner, Mr. Solomon Loop, as Executive Director, and Ms. Anna Reves, as Operation Manager.

iii. The proposed lease is compliant with DPL regulations and was negotiated by the officers and directors of Vertical Aviation, LLC., mainly Mr. Li Li Yang.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of the construction and development of Heliport.

The term of the proposed lease agreement is 40 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term of each lease agreement is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property plus the applicable percentage of Business Gross Receipts in DPL's regulation.

v. A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian. A copy will also be available online at www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Puerto Rico, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before August 30, 2019 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTISIAN I MAPROPONI NA ATKILON TÅNU´ PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106 (b) gi Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku mannånå'i guini nutisia put i intensiona para u atkila finitmi na tanu' pupbliku giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariånas. Maseha håyi na pattida ni intirisao gi hålum heneråt pupbliku siña muna'hålum upiñon, infotmasion, pat testimoniun kinontra gi tinahguin prinoponi siha para i atkilon nu i tanu' pupbliku. Kumu mapribeni mås mo'na ginin i Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi pettanesin na imfotmasion manisisita para u mapupblika.

i. I maproponi na atkilon tanu' pupbliku madiskribi kumu Lot 117 D 11 yan Lot 117 D 13 ni konsisisti kåsi 6,292 square meters, mås pat menus, ni gaigi gi Puerto Rico, giya Saipan. I kopian påttin i lugåt managuaha gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku yan website gi www.dpl.gov.mp para inspeksion.

ii. I prospective lessee i Vertical Aviation, LLC. Ilistan nu i ufisiåt siha para i Vertical Aviation, LLC. si Siñot Li Li Yang, kumu Presidenti, i dueñu, si Siñot Solomon Loop, kumu Eksakatibun Direktot, yan si Siñorita Anna Reves, kumu Operation Manager.

iii. I maproponi na atkilon ha tattiyi i regulasion DPL siha yan manegosiu ginin i ufisiåt yan direktot nu i Vertical Aviation, LLC., mayutmentu si Siñot Li Li Yang.

iv. I lessee debi na u usa i lugåt put atyu ha' na rason nu i kunstruksion yan development nu i Heliport.

I tema nu i maproponina kontråtan atkilon sa kuarenta (40) åñus na tiempu.

I maproponi na atkilon gi kada' såkkan gi durântin i teman i kontråtan atkilon mapega gi pusentu nu i bålin appraised fair market i propiedåt yan i propiu na pusentun i Risibun Hina'halum Bisnis gi hålum regulasion i DPL.

v. I kopian nu i maproponi na Kontråtan Atkilon siña machuli' gi ufisinan i Sekritårian, Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku, gaigi gi sigundu (2nd) na bibiendan i Joeten Dandan Commercial Building iya Dandan,Saipan, primet (1st) na bibiendan i De'Ana Commercial Building, iya Songsong Village, Luta; pat i primet (1st) na bibiendan i Kings Commercial Building, giya Tini'an. I kopia debi lokkui' na managuaha online gi www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. I Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku tåya marisibi ni håfa na tinahguin inofresi siha ni para u ma'atkila i suhetu na tanu' pupbliku gi Puerto Rico, Saipan.

vii. I Sekritårian Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku ha aksesepta tinigi' upiñon, infotmasion, testimoniun kinontra pat tinahguin prinoponi siha ginin i manintirisåo na pattida siha gi pat åntis di Agosto 30, 2019 gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni gaigi giya Saipan, Luta pat Tini'an.

ARONGORONG REEL POMMWOL ATKKILÓÓNOL FALUWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil 106 (b) reel Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap e attotoowow arongorong reel igha re mángemángil rebwe atkkilaay akkááw faluweer toulap Ilól Seipél, Commonwealth Téél Falúw kka Efáng Ilól Marianas. Schóókka re mwuschel isiisilong kkapas, data, views, ngáreangiingi reel pommwol atkkilóónol faluweer toulap. Eyoor sángi Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, arongorongol ikka e amwirimwiritiw ebwe akkatééwow.

i. Faluweer toulap iye rebwe atkkilaay e bwáálóbwe Lot 117 D 11 me Lot 117 D 13 ebwe bwáá bwe 6,292 reel square meters, elapeló ngáre eghus, iye e lo Puerto Rico, Seipél. Eyoor pappidil falúw yeel me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap me website www.dpl.gov.mp ngáre u mwuschel amwuri.

ii. Schóól Atkkilóón nge Vertical Aviation, LLC. Officers ngáli Vertical Aviation LLC. nge Mr. Li Li Yang, President me Owner, Mr. Solomon Loop, igha ii Executive Director, me Ms. Anna Reves, igha ii Operation Manager.

iii. Pommwol Atkkilóón nge e compliant ngáli mwóghutughutúl DPL e ppwol sángi officers me directors sángi Vertical Aviation, LLC., spesiatmente Mr. Li Li Yang.

iv. Schóól Atkkilóón ebwe yááyá falúw ngáli akkayúl me ayoorai Heliport.

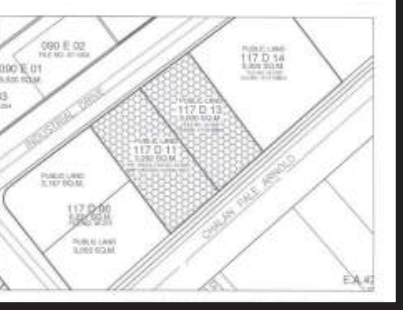
Pommwol abwungubwungúl Atkkilóón nge fááigh ráágh.

Pommwol atkkilóónol ghal ráágh nge e lo reel percentage sángi appraised fair market value reel falúw ebwal schuulong applicable percentage reel Business Gross Receipts Ilól mwóghutughutúl DPL.

v. Pappidil pommwol abwungubwungúl Atkkilóón emmwel ubwe bweibwogh mereel Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap, iye e lo 2nd floor reel Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Seipél; 1st floor reel De'Ana Commercial Building, apilómwol Songsong, me Luuta; ngáre 1st floor reel Kings Commercial Building, Tchiliyól. Ebwal yoor pappidil mille online me www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap rese bweibwogh pommw iye re siiweli ngáli Atkkilóón iye e lo weiláng reel faluweer toulap me Puerto Rico, Seipél.

vii. Sekkretóóriyal Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap emmwelil bweibwogh ischil mángemáng, views, angii ngáre pommw iye re siiweli sángi schóókka re mwuschel wóól ngáre mmwalili Agosto 30, 2019 me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap me Seipél, Luuta, ngáre Tchiliyól.



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Detained immigrants sue over conditions, medical care

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Immigrants held in U.S. detention facilities filed a lawsuit Monday decrying what they called shoddy medical care and a failure by authorities to provide accommodations for disabilities.

In the suit filed by disability and civil rights advocates in U.S. District Court, immigrants said they're placed in isolation as punishment and denied recommended medical treatment and surgery. Some said they've been denied wheelchairs and a deaf detainee who communicates in American Sign Language said he has not been provided an interpreter.

The problems harm disabled immigrants and threaten anyone in one of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's more than 50,000 detention beds who winds up getting sick or isolated from other detainees, said Monica Porter, staff attorney at Disability Rights Advocates, one of the organizations that filed the suit.

"ICE cannot simply contract with third parties to operate its detention centers and then wash its hands of the deplorable, unlawful conditions in those detention centers," said Tim Fox, co-executive director of the Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center.

ICE, which largely contracts with private companies and law enforcement agencies for detention space, declined to comment specifically about the lawsuit.

An agency official said comprehensive medical care is provided to all detainees including dental and 24-hour emergency care and studies have shown about 1 percent of detainees are held in segregated housing at a given time.

The lawsuit filed on behalf of 15 immigrants from countries including Sudan and Mexico and nonprofits seeks to represent immigrant detainees across the country. The suit cites problems at eight facilities including a privately-run center in Adelanto California, and Teller County Jail in Colorado.

Advocates said they want to see changes in medical treatment and policies for the immigrants, who are fighting deportation, and the release of immigrants under alternative programs.

The number of immigrants in detention has grown in recent years. There are currently an average 55,000 immigrants in detention each day, according to ICE.

Authorities praised for handling of protests in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—After previous political rallies that ended in violence, police in Portland, Oregon, earned praise Monday from outside observers for using a natural barrier—the city's Willamette River—to keep dueling protesters apart during a weekend far-right rally and large counter-demonstration that included a subset of masked and black-clad anti-fascists.

Two of the 13 people arrested Saturday made a first court appearance Monday, while the rest have court dates next month to allow authorities to process reams of evidence, including videos and photos posted on social media, the Multnomah County district attorney's office said in a statement. More arrests may come as those postings are reviewed, authorities said.

As the city returned to normal, Mayor Ted Wheeler called Saturday's dueling demonstrations a win for residents. Oregon's top federal prosecutor called the handling of the event a "definitive counterpoint" for those who on both sides who have criticized police after past protests for favoring one side or the other.

"We do not tolerate hate and we do not tolerate violence," Wheeler said. "We had a plan, we executed on that plan and on the whole, it was successful."

Amid the praise, however, protesters on both sides declared victory—and laid the groundwork for future demonstrations in liberal Portland.

A small group of right-wing protesters camped outside Wheeler's house Sunday to protest what they say were his attempts to limit free speech. Joe Biggs, a member of the far-right group Proud Boys, vowed that right-wing groups will keep coming to Portland as long as anti-fascists are around.

Joey Gibson, the leader of another right-wing group that's marched in Portland previously, spoke Monday outside the courthouse where he had a first court appearance on a charge of felony rioting from a May 1 skirmish with anti-fascists. In a video streamed live on Facebook, Gibson said he would not take a plea deal because he had done nothing wrong.

"If you're liberal, you should be against this," he said. "They don't have to support me but they need to stand up for free speech."

Bank of Hawaii

NOTICE OF INACTIVE BANK ACCOUNTS

The following checking and savings accounts have been inactive for six months or more with Bank of Hawaii. The account owners should immediately contact Bank of Hawaii Gualo Rai Branch at (670) 322-4200. Otherwise, the funds of each inactive account will be transferred to the CNMI Treasurer by October 1, 2019 (pursuant to Public Law 18-69, Section 4(b), The Commonwealth Escheatment Ad of 2013 (The "Act") and Department of Commerce regulations at NMAC 20-20.4. After such transfer, all inquires pertaining to the account should be directed to the Office of Banking Division, Commonwealth Department of Commerce.

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OLIVER C ABENGANA PO BOX 501029 SAIPAN MP 96950

RENATO A ABERGAS PO BOX 506181 SAIPAN MP 96950

BENSTER S ABRAHAM PO BOX 504462 SAIPAN MP 96950

ROMEL JAY P ADA PO BOX 8080 SVRB SAIPAN MP 96950

BELINDA L AGUON PO BOX 502517 SAIPAN MP 96950

NELSON M ALBELAR PO BOX 503919 SAIPAN MP 96950

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ANN MARIE U ALDAN PO BOX 501424 SAIPAN MP 96950

ANALIE T ALEGIOJO PO BOX 506471 SAIPAN MP 96950

AM GROUP LLC PMB 133 BOX 10000 SAIPAN MP 96950

LILYBETH P ANDRADE PO BOX 500828 CK SAIPAN MP 96950

NORMAN JESSTAN S ANGUI JR PO BOX 8172 SVRB SAIPAN MP 96950

VICENTE T ANGUI PO BOX 7976 SVRB SAIPAN MP 96950

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JIMY C ARARAO PO BOX 506581 SAIPAN MP 96950

MAYUMI K ARRIOLA ANTONIO C ARRIOLA PO BOX 501023. SAIPAN MP 96950

TERESA C ARRIOLA PO BOX 7272 SVRB SAIPAN MP 96950

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NILFA S ASPACIO PMB 33 BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950

NELIDA B ATALIG PO BOX 5749 CHRB SAIPAN MP 96950

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MARIA CRISTINA O BASAN PMB 170 BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950

SIDNEY C BASTO PMB 55 BOX 10001 SAIPAN MP 96950

NICOLLETE MAE C BATU PO BOX 504855 SAIPAN MP 96950

ARIEL R BAUTISTA PO BOX 500087 SAIPAN MP 96950

DAVE SMITH C BAUTISTA PO BOX 10000 PMB658 SAIPAN MP 96950

RAYMART JASON A BAUTISTA PO BOX 506351 CK SAIPAN MP 96950

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DHAN KUMARI T BHUJEL PO BOX 505146 SAIPAN MP 96950

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DANDITO I BREBONERIA PO BOX 500527 SAIPAN MP 96950

NEILA MINDA F BUENAVENTURA PO BOX 5093 CHRB SAIPAN MP 96950

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CALLEY B CAMACHO PO BOX 500962 SAIPAN MP 96950

LOUVICKI FRANCIL N CAMACHO PO BOX 504507 SAIPAN MP 96950

JILEAN LUCILLE C CAPUYON PO BOX 501551 SAIPAN MP 96950

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GRACE D CARBONILLA PO BOX 10003 PMB 594 SAIPAN MP 96950

PERLITA L CASTILLO PO BOX 10005 PMB 1886 SAIPAN MP 96950

HIRAMLEE C CASTRO PO BOX 500153 SAIPAN MP 96950

PRESCILLA A CASTRO PO BOX 502012 SAIPAN MP 96950

DANIEL SCOTT CASTRO JR PO BOX 502226 SAIPAN MP 96950

WANETTE RODRIGUEZ CATALMA PO BOX 506525 SAIPAN MP 96950

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SHUJI LI CHANG PMB 440 BOX 10001 SAIPAN MP 96950

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VEGA D DE LEON PO BOX 503322 SAIPAN MP 96950

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ANGELIE G DENNING PO BOX 504263 SAIPAN MP 96950

AMANTE B DION PO BOX 504348 SAIPAN MP 96950

SUZETTE M DIVINA PO BOX 503325 SAIPAN MP 96950

ELMARIO P DIWA PO BOX 8131 SVRB SAIPAN MP 96950

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ARNEL I PAGUIO PMB 197 BOX 10000 SAIPAN MP 96950

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RAJA L SEVUGAN PMB 563 BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950

SAMILA G SEVUGAN PMB 563 BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950

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Detained immigrants sue over conditions, medical care

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Immigrants held in U.S. detention facilities filed a lawsuit Monday decrying what they called shoddy medical care and a failure by authorities to provide accommodations for disabilities.

In the suit filed by disability and civil rights advocates in U.S. District Court, immigrants said they're placed in isolation as punishment and denied recommended medical treatment and surgery. Some said they've been denied wheelchairs and a deaf detainee who communicates in American Sign Language said he has not been provided an interpreter.

The problems harm disabled immigrants and threaten anyone in one of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's more than 50,000 detention beds who winds up getting sick or isolated from other detainees, said Monica Porter, staff attorney at Disability Rights Advocates, one of the organizations that filed the suit.

"ICE cannot simply contract with third parties to operate its detention centers and then wash its hands of the deplorable, unlawful conditions in those detention centers," said Tim Fox, co-executive director of the Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center.

ICE, which largely contracts with private companies and law enforcement agencies for detention space, declined to comment specifically about the lawsuit.

An agency official said comprehensive medical care is provided to all detainees including dental and 24-hour emergency care and studies have shown about 1 percent of detainees are held in segregated housing at a given time.

The lawsuit filed on behalf of 15 immigrants from countries including Sudan and Mexico and nonprofits seeks to represent immigrant detainees across the country. The suit cites problems at eight facilities including a privately-run center in Adelanto California, and Teller County Jail in Colorado.

Advocates said they want to see changes in medical treatment and policies for the immigrants, who are fighting deportation, and the release of immigrants under alternative programs.

The number of immigrants in detention has grown in recent years. There are currently an average 55,000 immigrants in detention each day, according to ICE.

Authorities praised for handling of protests in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—After previous political rallies that ended in violence, police in Portland, Oregon, earned praise Monday from outside observers for using a natural barrier—the city's Willamette River—to keep dueling protesters apart during a weekend far-right rally and large counter-demonstration that included a subset of masked and black-clad anti-fascists.

Two of the 13 people arrested Saturday made a first court appearance Monday, while the rest have court dates next month to allow authorities to process reams of evidence, including videos and photos posted on social media, the Multnomah County district attorney's office said in a statement. More arrests may come as those postings are reviewed, authorities said.

As the city returned to normal, Mayor Ted Wheeler called Saturday's dueling demonstrations a win for residents. Oregon's top federal prosecutor called the handling of the event a "definitive counterpoint" for those who on both sides who have criticized police after past protests for favoring one side or the other.

"We do not tolerate hate and we do not tolerate violence," Wheeler said. "We had a plan, we executed on that plan and on the whole, it was successful."

Amid the praise, however, protesters on both sides declared victory—and laid the groundwork for future demonstrations in liberal Portland.

A small group of right-wing protesters camped outside Wheeler's house Sunday to protest what they say were his attempts to limit free speech. Joe Biggs, a member of the far-right group Proud Boys, vowed that right-wing groups will keep coming to Portland as long as anti-fascists are around.

Joey Gibson, the leader of another right-wing group that's marched in Portland previously, spoke Monday outside the courthouse where he had a first court appearance on a charge of felony rioting from a May 1 skirmish with anti-fascists. In a video streamed live on Facebook, Gibson said he would not take a plea deal because he had done nothing wrong.

"If you're liberal, you should be against this," he said. "They don't have to support me but they need to stand up for free speech."

Asia

Urgency for vaccine grows as virus ravages China's pigs

BEIJING (AP)—Scientists are working to develop a vaccine to help guard the world's pork supply as a deadly virus ravages Asia's pig herds.

Farmers have long contained its spread by quarantining and killing infected animals, but the disease's devastating march into East Asia is intensifying the search for another solution.

The virus hadn't been considered as high a priority for researchers until it turned up last year in China, home to half the world's pig population, likely by way of Eastern Europe and Russia. Since then, it has spread to other Asian countries including Vietnam and Taiwan, killing millions of pigs along the way. Though it does not sicken people, the disease is highly contagious and deadly to pigs.

"Today's situation, where you have this global threat, puts a lot more emphasis on this research," said Dr. Luis Rodriguez, who leads the U.S. government lab on foreign animal diseases at Plum Island, New York.

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In this May 8, 2019, photo, pigs eat feed at a pig farm in Panggezhuang village in northern China's Hebei province. AP

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine agriculture chief said Monday that an unspecified number of pigs has died or been culled in backyard farms in recent weeks and a crisis team has been established to try to contain the still-unidentified disease causing the swine deaths.

Agriculture Secretary William Dar said the Bureau of Animal Industry has been carrying out laboratory tests on blood samples of affected pigs and arranging similar tests in foreign labs to identify the disease after an increase in pig deaths. Dar couldn't immediately say if the cause was the contagious African swine fever that has led to the deaths and culling of millions of pigs in Asia.

"What we can say is that those suspected to have the disease are being culled, removed, buried and the place is disinfected," Dar told a news conference when asked to detail the scale of the swine deaths.

Dar refused to identify the affected area or province and disclose the number of pig deaths while containment efforts were underway. The results of the lab tests and other details would eventually be disclosed to the public, he said.

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One way to develop a vaccine is to kill a virus before injecting it into an animal. The disabled virus doesn't make the animal sick, but it prompts the immune system to identify the virus and produce antibodies against it. This approach, however, isn't consistently effective with all viruses, including the one that causes African swine fever.

It's why scientists have been working on another type of vaccine, made from a weakened virus rather than a dead one. With African swine fever, the puzzle has been figuring out exactly how to tweak the virus.

In Vietnam, where the virus has killed 3.7 million pigs in six months, the government said this summer it was testing vaccines but provided few details of its program. In China, the government indicated scientists are working on a vaccine that genetically alters the virus, an approach U.S. scientists have been pursuing as well.

China lashes out at Taiwan over Hong Kong asylum offer

HONG KONG (AP)—China lashed out at Taiwan on Monday over its offer of political asylum to participants in Hong Kong's pro-democracy protest movement, a day after hundreds of thousands of people marched peacefully in the latest massive demonstration in the Chinese territory.

The government of Taiwan, a self-ruled island that China considers its own territory, strongly supports the protests, and Hong Kong students in Taiwan held events over the weekend expressing their backing. Taiwan's president made the asylum offer last month, though it's not clear if requests have been received.

Taiwan lacks a formal legal mechanism for assessing and granting asylum requests, although it has granted residency to several vocal opponents of the Chinese government.

On Monday, Ma Xiaoguang, spokesman for the Chinese Cabinet's Taiwan Affairs Office, said Taiwan's offer would "cover up the crimes of a small group of violent militants" and encourage their "audacity in harming Hong Kong and turn Taiwan into a "heaven for ducking the law."

Ma demanded that Taiwan's government "cease undermining the rule of law" in Hong Kong, cease interfering in its affairs and not "condone criminals."

Organizers said at least 1.7 million people participated in Sunday's Hong Kong rally and march, although the police estimate was far lower. Police said the protest was "generally peaceful" but accused a large group of people of "breaching public peace" afterward by occupying a major thoroughfare and using slingshots to shoot "hard objects" at government headquarters and pointing lasers at police officers.

The protests have at times been marked by violent clashes with police, who say they have arrested more than 700 participants since the demonstrations started in June. However, law enforcement officers kept a low profile Sunday, with no riot police seen from the procession's main routes. When stragglers convened outside a government complex in the late evening, other protesters urged them to go home.

More protests are planned for the coming weeks, with various rallies organized by accountants, transport workers, high school students and relatives of police officers.

Demonstrators' frustrations over what they perceive to be the government's refusal to respond to their demands boiled over last week with the occupation of Hong Kong's international airport, during which a reporter for a Chinese Communist Party-owned newspaper was assaulted, and attacks on a number of police stations.

A former British colony, Hong Kong was returned to Beijing in 1997 under the framework of "one country, two systems," which promised residents certain democratic rights not afforded to people in mainland China. But some Hong Kongers have accused the Communist Party-ruled central government of eroding their freedoms in recent years.

The protest movement's demands include the resignation of Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam, democratic elections and an independent investigation into police use of force.

Asked Sunday about the situation in Hong Kong, U.S. President Donald Trump said the use of Chinese troops to put down the protests—similar to the bloody crackdown on protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989—would worsen the current U.S.-China trade dispute.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Pakistan decries cross-border fire as Kashmir security eases

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Pakistan said Indian troops fired across the Line of Control in the disputed Kashmir region, killing two civilians and wounding another, as some security restrictions were lifted Monday in the main city of Srinagar. Pakistan and Indian often exchange fire in the Himalayan region, but tensions have increased since Aug. 5, when New Delhi changed the status of Indian-administered Kashmir, which is split between the nuclear-armed rivals and claimed by both. Restrictions were eased in parts of Srinagar, where schools for students from preschool to fifth grade were set to reopen after a two-week security lockdown. But six grade schools in the city were found closed on Monday morning, with no school administrators or students in sight. "Why would I risk sending my kids to school when the government is uncertain about the security situation?" said Srinagar resident Mohammed Latief, whose children are in the first and third grades. Paramilitary soldiers armed with assault rifles stood guard at checkpoints, allowing a trickle of vehicular and pedestrian traffic to pass. Many shops and offices remained closed.

US extends ban on passports for North Korea travel

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Trump administration is extending a ban on the use of U.S. passports for travel to North Korea for another year. A State Department notice released Monday says the ban will remain in place until Aug. 31, 2020, unless revoked by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo (pahm-PAY'-oh). The ban was imposed in September 2017 by then-Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and renewed in 2018. Tillerson took the unusual measure following the death of an American student, Otto Warmbier, who had been detained in North Korea. The State Department says it determined "there continues to be serious risk to United States nationals of arrest and long-term detention" for Americans traveling to North Korea, according to the notice that will be published in the Federal Register this week. The ban allows certain categories of American citizens such as aid workers or journalists to obtain a special validation passport good for one trip to North Korea. The move comes amid stalled diplomatic efforts to restart nuclear talks between North Korea and the U.S.

Pakistani PM keeps powerful army chief in place 3 more years

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan's prime minister is keeping his powerful army chief in place for another three years, amid heightened tensions with India over Kashmir as well as the end of U.S.-Talban peace talks for neighboring Afghanistan. Imran Khan postponed on Monday the retirement of Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa, who played a key role in facilitating the recently concluded negotiations between the Taliban and the U.S. Tensions between India and Pakistan have also ratcheted up since Aug. 5, when New Delhi changed the status of Indian-administered Kashmir, which is split between the nuclear-armed rivals and claimed by both. Khan's move comes as his political opposition is planning protest rallies over his alleged failures in handling the country's ailing economy. Bajwa was to complete his three-year term in November.

World

Patience wears thin for migrants stranded off Italian coast

ROME (AP)—The Spanish rescue ship Open Arms resorted to serving pizzas to 107 increasingly angry and sometimes aggressive migrants who are stranded aboard, as Italy's interior minister stuck to his refusal to let the vessel dock at a nearby Italian island in a weekslong standoff.

The migrants were rescued from traffickers' boats in the Mediterranean off Libya and have spent 18 days aboard the Open Arms as they wait to see whether anti-migrant Interior Minister Matteo Salvini will let them disembark on Lampedusa, a tiny Italian island south of Sicily. Six other European Union countries have agreed to take the passengers.

A day earlier, Open Arms' captain informed Italian authorities that the crew of 17 could no longer control the situation aboard, as frustrated migrants resort to fighting.

Separately, the organization's founder, Oscar Camps, told The Associated Press in a phone interview Monday night from Lampedusa, that "it is not a question of how long we can hold out. No one knows what will happen."

"At every instant we must stop fights, aggression, arguments, hunger strikes and stop people from jumping into the sea," exactly like several migrants did a day earlier in a foiled bid to reach the island, he said.

AP

The Open Arms vessel with 107 migrants on board is anchored off the Sicilian vacation and fishing island of Lampedusa, southern Italy, Monday, Aug. 19, 2019.

When the migrants were brought back aboard, major fights broke out among the passengers "because they had put the others at risk," Camps added.

In a bid to vary the migrants' food and improve their mood, some of the crew went to the island and returned with 100 pizzas, Camps said. "We have tried everything" to keep spirits calm, he added.

Asked if Open Arms might follow the example of a German captain who defied Salvini's ban and steered a boat packed with migrants to Lampedusa this summer, Camps said he would not.

"We have no intention in disobeying, we have scrupulously compiled with maritime law," he said.

The German captain was arrested but later released after an Italian judge ruled that she was saving the lives of the 40 migrants aboard.

Open Arms sailed within a few hundred meters of Lampedusa last week after winning a court ruling overturning Salvini's ban on private rescue boats entering Italy's territorial waters. Salvini has appealed that ruling and warned that the ban on docking still holds.

The boat is currently anchored off Lampedusa's coast.

Camps said Italy's coast guard offered to transport some of the migrants to Spain, but Open Arms insisted they must take everyone aboard.

Italian Transport Minister Danilo Toninelli, whose ministry includes the coast guard, said Italy also offered to escort Open Arms to a Spanish port, but the ship "incredibly refused" that offer, too.

Earlier in the day, Open Arms' president, Riccardo Gatti, suggested that the migrants could be transferred to the major Sicilian city of Catania, where a chartered plane could then fly the 107 migrants to Spain.

Open Arms captain Marc Reig Creus told Italian authorities Sunday that if Italy won't let the ship dock at Lampedusa, it would agree to transferring the migrants to another boat that could make the several days' journey to the port Spain had initially proposed, Algeciras, at the far west end of the Mediterranean.

Open Arms has only two toilets, and last week volunteers who visited the ship said some migrants were forced to use areas where they eat for their bathroom needs.

Spanish Deputy Prime Minister Carmen Calvo said the government had offered to help the Open Arms with food, fuel and medical attention for the journey to Spain.

AP Explains: Brazil's environmental changes under Bolsonaro

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Pressure is rising around the administration of President Jair Bolsonaro to comply with Brazil's pledge to fight global warming, as the international community gathers in the northern state of Bahia for a week-long UN workshop on climate change. Bolsonaro, a far-right climate skeptic, has made clear he intends to make major changes to Brazil's environmental policy, including opening the globally vital Amazon rainforest to development and agribusiness. Countries such as Germany, France and Norway are beginning to take action.

Here's a look at some of the key measures taken by Bolsonaro's administration since taking office on Jan. 1 and reaction to them.

INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE

Brazil's National Institute for Space Research, a federal agency, reported a double-digit increase in deforestation in the Amazon region in the last quarter of 2018. Citing Brazil's apparent lack of commitment to fighting deforestation, German Environment Minister Svenja Schulze decided to freeze about 35 million euros ($39.6 million) earmarked for sustainability projects in the country's forests. Days later, Norway also suspended its participation to the Amazon Fund, a donation-based project that fights deforestation in the vast rainforest, adding another $33 million to the tab of frozen funding. Norway has donated $1.2 billion since the fund's creation in 2008.

Reacting to the news, Bolsonaro said Brazil did not need foreign help and advised Norway to "take the money" and help Chancellor Angela Merkel "reforest Germany." State governors in the Amazon, however, have come out against Bolsonaro's statements, stressing the importance of foreign aid in the region.

Germany and France are also weighing using the ratification of a trade deal between the European Union and Mercosur countries to pressure Brazil into complying with its environmental pledges within the Paris Climate Agreement.

PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT

During the campaign, Bolsonaro said he would follow the footsteps of U.S. President Donald Trump and leave the Paris climate accord. Just before the election, he backpedaled and said he would remain as long as Brazil's sovereignty in the Amazon was not threatened or challenged.

Environmental groups argue that Bolsonaro's public support of the Paris agreement is insufficient, as his plans to open the Amazon to greater development would make it impossible for Brazil to meet its reduced emissions targets in the coming years. The South American nation holds about 60% of the Amazon rainforest, the preservation of which is seen by scientists as crucial in the campaign to slow climate change.

WORLD BRIEFS

Pentagon conducts 1st test of previously banned missile

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. military has conducted a flight test of a type of missile banned for more than 30 years by a treaty that both the United States and Russia abandoned this month, the Pentagon said. The test off the coast of California on Sunday marked the resumption of an arms competition that some analysts worry could increase U.S.-Russian tensions. The Trump administration has said it remains interested in useful arms control but questions Moscow's willingness to adhere to its treaty commitments. The Pentagon said it tested a modified ground-launched version of a Navy Tomahawk cruise missile, which was launched from San Nicolas Island and accurately struck its target after flying more than 500 kilometers (310 miles). The missile was armed with a conventional, not nuclear, warhead. Defense officials had said last March that this missile likely would have a range of about 1,000 kilometers (620 miles) and that it might be ready for deployment within 18 months.

Lead scrubbed from Paris streets as Notre Dame work resumes

PARIS (AP)—Specialists shoring up fire-damaged Notre Dame Cathedral returned Monday to the Paris site for the first time in nearly a month, this time wearing disposable underwear and other protective gear after a delay prompted by fears of lead contamination. Meanwhile, cleanup teams swept, sprayed and vacuumed neighboring streets Monday to scrub away any lead left over from the April blaze that decimated Notre Dame's roof and toppled its spire. Toxic dust spewed into the air as hundreds of tons of lead melted in the fire. At the cathedral itself, activity resumed Monday under strict new lead-protection measures for the stonemasons, cleanup workers and scientists working on the monument, according to the Culture Ministry. They include throwaway full-body clothing, obligatory showers and a new decontamination zone to ensure that no one tracks pollution outside the site. The workers are clearing out hazardous debris and studying and consolidating the medieval monument—a crucial first step to prepare the fragile cathedral for a yearslong, multimillion-euro reconstruction effort.

Thousands flee from 'monster' wildfire on Canary Islands

LISBON, Portugal (AP)—A major, out-of-control wildfire in Spain's Canary Islands was throwing flames 50 meters (160 feet) into the air on Monday, forcing emergency workers to evacuate more than 9,000 people, authorities said. The blaze—described by the local fire department as "a monster"—was racing across parched woodlands into Tamadaba Natural Park, regarded as one of the jewels on Gran Canaria, a mountainous volcanic island in the Atlantic Ocean archipelago off northwest Africa. Famous for its beaches and mountains, Gran Canaria and its capital, Las Palmas, are popular European vacation destinations but the blaze was in a rugged inland area known as the central highlands. Some tourists had to leave rural hotels as a precaution and were moved to other holiday accommodations, the island's government said. Tourists on the coast could see billowing clouds of gray smoke being blown out to sea. Las Palmas international airport was working normally, authorities said.

Focus

Die-hard HONG KONG protesters defend tactics as unity cracks

By YANAN WANG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONG KONG (AP)—On a recent sweltering Saturday, a day now reserved for protest in Hong Kong, a demonstrator named Wayne stepped past a row of plastic barricades, lifted a pair of binoculars and squinted.

Four hundred meters away, a line of riot police stood with full-length shields, batons and tear-gas launchers.

It was a familiar sight for Wayne after more than two months on the front lines of Hong Kong's turbulent pro-democracy demonstrations. Along with hard hats and homemade shields, face-offs with police have become part of the 33-year-old philosophy professor's new normal.

The stories of Wayne and three other self-described "front line" protesters interviewed by The Associated Press provide insights into how what started as a largely peaceful movement against proposed changes to the city's extradition law has morphed into a summer of tear gas and rubber bullets. They spoke on condition they be identified only by partial names because they feared arrest.

The movement has reached a moment of reckoning after protesters occupying Hong Kong's airport last week held two mainland Chinese men captive, beating them because they believed the men were infiltrating their movement.

In the aftermath, pro-democracy lawmakers and fellow demonstrators — who have stood by the hard-liners even as they took more extreme steps — questioned whether the operation had gone too far.

It was the first crack in what has been astonishing unity across a wide range of protesters that has kept the movement going. It gave pause to the front-liners, who eased off the violence this past weekend, though they still believe their more disruptive tactics are necessary to get the government to answer the broader movement's demands.

The demands grew from opposing legislation that would have allowed Hong Kong residents to be extradited for trials in mainland China's murky judicial system to pressing for democratic elections, Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam's resignation and an investigation into allegations of police brutality at the demonstrations.

The protesters on the front lines are the ones who throw bricks at police and put traffic cones over active tear gas canisters to contain the fumes. They have broken into and trashed the legislature's chambers, blocked a major tunnel under Hong Kong's harbor, besieged and pelted police headquarters with eggs and halted rush-hour subways by blocking the train doors from closing.

To Lam, these are "violent rioters" bent on destroying the city's economy. To China's ruling Communist Party, their actions are "the first signs of terrorism."

To these most die-hard protesters, there's no turning back.

"The situation has evolved into a war in Hong Kong society," said Tin, a 23-year-old front-line demonstrator. "It's the protesters versus the police."

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When Hong Kong's youth banded together for this summer's protests, they established a few rules: They would not have clear leaders, protecting individuals from becoming symbols or scapegoats. And they would stick together, no matter their methods.

The peaceful protesters would not disavow the more extreme, sometimes violent tactics of the front-liners, who would distract the police long enough for others to escape arrest.

These were lessons learned from 2014, when the Occupy Central pro-democracy movement fizzled after more than two months without winning any concessions. Many involved feel internal divisions partly led to defeat.

Chong, a 24-year-old front-liner, said everyone's opinion is heard and considered, and they decide on the right path together. But no decision is absolute: The demonstrators have pledged to not impede actions they may disagree with.

Two massive marches roused Chong and others who had given up on political change after the failure of Occupy Central, also dubbed the Umbrella Revolution.

On consecutive weekends in June, hundreds of thousands of people took to the streets to oppose the extradition bill. It struck at fears that China is eroding civil rights that Hong Kong residents enjoy under the "one country, two systems" framework.

"I didn't think I would ever do this again," said Chong, who quit his job as an environmental consultant to devote himself to the protests. "But this time, society is waking up."

On June 12, three days after the first march, protesters blocked the legislature and took over nearby streets, preventing the resumption of debate on the extradition bill. Police responded with tear gas and rubber bullets.

Lam suspended the bill indefinitely the day before the second march, but it didn't mollify the protesters, who turned out in even greater numbers.

As their demands expanded, Lam offered dialogue but showed no signs of giving ground.

That's when hard-liners like Chong and Wayne became convinced that peaceful protest might not be enough.

They blocked roads with makeshift barricades and besieged the Chinese government's Liaison Office in Hong Kong, defacing the national seal over its entrance. Week after week, they clashed with police, who became an object of their anger. Every round of tear gas only seemed to deepen their conviction that the government did not care.

"We've had numerous peaceful protests that garnered no response whatsoever from the government," said J.C., a 27-year-old hairstylist who quit his job in July. "Escalating our actions is both natural and necessary."

Then came the "white shirt" attack. On July 21, dozens of men beat people indiscriminately with wooden poles and steel rods in a commuter rail station as protesters returned home, injuring 44. They wore white clothing in contrast to the protesters' trademark black.

A slow police response led to accusations they colluded with the thugs. Police Commissioner Stephen Lo said resources were stretched because of the protests.

Many saw the attack as proof police prioritized catching demonstrators — around 700 have been arrested so far — over more violent criminals. That view has been reinforced by other images, including police firing tear gas at close range and a woman who reportedly lost vision in one eye after being hit by a beanbag round shot by police.

Each accusation of police brutality emboldens the hard-core protesters to use greater violence. Gasoline bombs and other flaming objects have become their projectiles of choice, and police stations are now their main target.

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In this cauldron of growing rage, the protesters set their sights on Hong Kong's airport.

Hundreds of flights were canceled over two consecutive nights last week as protesters packed the main terminal, blocking access to check-in counters and immigration.

While the major disruption of one of the world's busiest airports got global attention, it was the vigilante attacks on two Chinese men that troubled the movement.

In a written apology the following day, a group of unidentified protesters said recent events had fueled a "paranoia and rage" that put them on a "hair trigger." During the prior weekend's demonstrations, people dressed like protesters had been caught on video making arrests, and police acknowledged use of decoy officers.

At the airport, the protesters were looking for undercover agents in their ranks. Twice they thought they found them.

The first man ran away from protesters who asked why he was taking photos of them. Protesters descended on him, bound his wrists with plastic ties and interrogated him for at least two hours. His ordeal ended only when medics wrested him away on a stretcher.

The second man was wearing a yellow "press" vest used by Hong Kong journalists but refused to show his credentials. In his backpack, protesters found a blue "Safeguard HK" T-shirt worn at rallies to support police.

A small group of protesters repeatedly beat him, poured water on his head and called him "mainland trash." He turned out to be a reporter for China's state-owned Global Times newspaper.

Footage of the mob violence inflamed anti-protester sentiment in China, where the reporter became a martyr. In Hong Kong, pro-democracy lawmakers said it was something that "will not and should not happen again."

Within the movement, some apologized for becoming easily agitated and overreacting. Others questioned whether provocateurs had incited the violence.

Through it all, the front liners called for unity. They pointed to the injuries sustained on their side and the rioting charges that could lock them up for 10 years.

On the night of the airport beating, Wayne couldn't get through the crowd to see what was happening, but he understood how the attackers felt.

"I would have done the same thing," he said. "It's not rational, but I would have kicked him or punched him at least once or twice."

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In this Aug. 16, 2019, photo, Wayne, a 33-year-old self-described "front line" protester, stands along with other demonstrators in Tai Po, on Hong Kong's outskirts. Hong Kong's protest movement has reached a moment of reckoning after protesters occupying the airport held two mainland Chinese men captive, and pro-democracy lawmakers and fellow demonstrators question whether the whole operation has gone too far.

Good Housekeeping

Gloriosa daisies are summer stunners

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Gloriosa daisies will bring in an assortment of bees and other pollinators.

This dark female Eastern Tiger Swallowtail looks exotic in the large rudbeckia flowers.

By NORMAN WINTER
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The Garden Guy has the tendency each week to tell you about the latest and greatest plants for the landscape, but this year I have been reminded that there are some flowers that have stood the test of time and should always be included in the landscape. This is precisely where gloriosa daises fall in the list of plants.

I'm a little worried that young gardeners aren't getting the ample opportunity to not only see these plants but to find them for sale at the local garden center as well. If you're a young gardener you may not know that 24 years ago was a pivotal moment in gardening, with 1995 being the year that the Indian summer gloriosa daisy was selected as an All-America Selections Winner.

Indian summer is simply put the most incredible black-eyed Susan or gloriosa daisy to be developed. It actually blooms with monolithic 6-9-inch sized blooms and does so in the first year from seeds. It is the ultimate cottage garden flower and brings in pollinators. Its beauty always makes it the attention grabber in the landscape.

Then, 16 years ago in 2003, prairie sun was chosen as an All-America Selections Winner giving you the option of a gloriosa daisy with a yellow primrose halo on the margins and a green eye or cone. The flowers are just a tiny bit smaller, but I promise you won't notice.

The next impetus for the gloriosa daisy to be America's flower was in 2008 when Benary Seed debuted the Denver daisy for the 150th celebration of the city of Denver. Instantly everyone fell in love with this flower. It is just a little shorter but vibrant in color, with bold yellow accompanied by a bronze halo around the dark cone.

The large container with Prairie Sun rudbeckia welcomes visitors at an upscale lifestyle center in Columbus, Ga.

These rudbeckia hirta varieties are cold hardy in zones three to eight, but as an annual everyone can enjoy their sizzling color. Most gardeners treat them as annuals, short-lived perennials or reseeding annuals, giving you a variety of looks in subsequent generations.

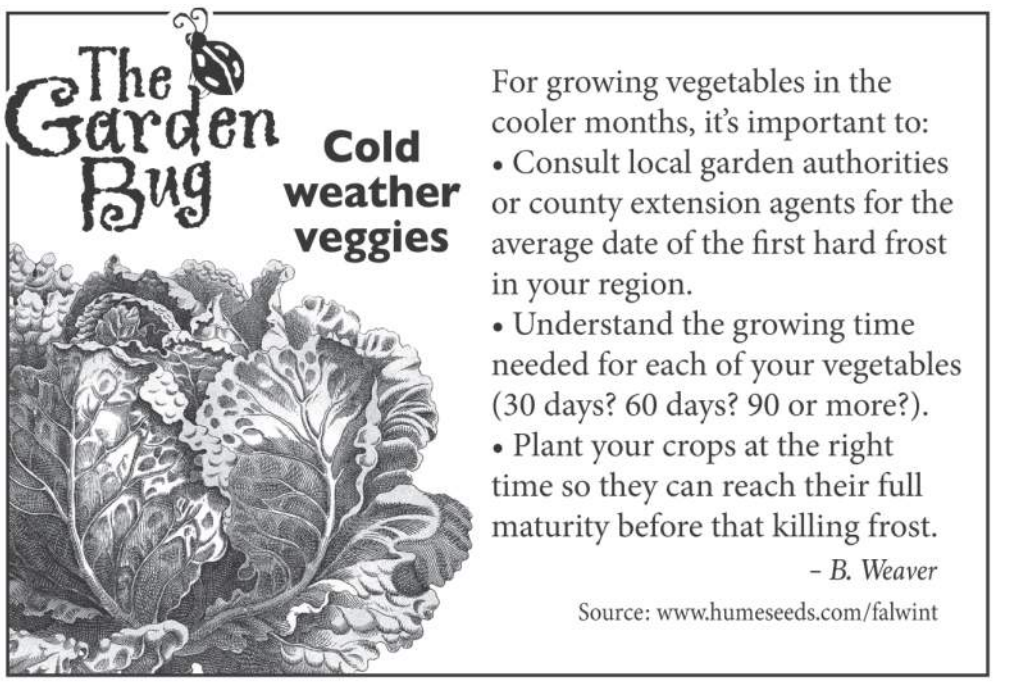
They will top out at 2.5 to 3 feet with a 2-foot spread. This summer at The Garden Guy's house I have combined prairie with blue boa agastache, vermillionairie cuphea and all of the rockin' salvias. The look has been stunning, and the pollinators active.

Son James has used both in his commercial designs with uproar rose zinnia and Hawaiian ti plants for a little tropical beauty but also an assortment of pollinators. Then at the local mall or lifestyle center he used prairie sun in giant containers with mandevillas, rockin' salvias, variegated plectranthus and pastel yellow lantanas. I assure you mall traffic has been mesmerized.

Tight, compact clay or soggy soil yields less than satisfactory results. So, if you find yourself in this situation, incorporate 3 to 4 inches of organic matter like compost, peat or humus before planting. Set your transplant in the soil at the same depth it is growing in the container. Finish the task by applying a layer of your favorite mulch.

With gloriosa daisies like prairie sun, Indian summer, Denver daisy or shorter selections like corona and cappuccino, the beauty of your garden will command attention from visitors all summer — and simultaneously you'll be bringing in bees and butterflies followed by birds for the seeds. I would say that makes these flowers mandatory each and every year.

This Eastern Tiger Swallowtail visits the rudbeckias at The Garden Guy's home.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Cold weather veggies
For growing vegetables in the cooler months, it's important to:
• Consult local garden authorities or county extension agents for the average date of the first hard frost in your region.
• Understand the growing time needed for each of your vegetables (30 days? 60 days? 90 or more?).
• Plant your crops at the right time so they can reach their full maturity before that killing frost.
– B. Weaver
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Life & Style

Early Epstein accuser: Police could have stopped him in 1997

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—More than two decades before Jeffrey Epstein took his own life, a woman went into a California police station and filed one of the earliest sex-crime complaints against him: that he groped her during what she thought was a modeling interview for the Victoria's Secret catalog.

Alicia Arden said she never heard back from investigators about her complaint. No charges ever came of it. And to this day she sees it as a glaring missed opportunity to bring the financier to justice long before he was accused of sexually abusing dozens of teenage girls and women.

"If they would have taken me more seriously than they did, it could have helped all these girls," said Arden, an actress and model. "It could have been stopped."

With recent scrutiny focused on Epstein's life , wealth and connections to powerful people , his early brush with the law has been something of a mystery. After Arden's 1997 complaint to Santa Monica police first came to light several years ago, the department said little about it and Epstein's lawyers said only that police discounted her allegations.

In response to Associated Press inquiries and a public records request, Santa Monica police agreed last week to summarize parts of the detective's notes to a reporter. The notes showed that Epstein was questioned soon after Arden's complaint and gave a conflicting statement. Most notably, the detective wrote that Arden did not want to press charges against Epstein but wanted him warned about his behavior, an assertion that she strongly denies.

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In a follow-up statement, police spokeswoman Lt. Candice Cobarrubias declined to say anything more about how Epstein's account differed from Arden's and stressed that the case was closed because the victim was not "desirous of prosecution."

Actor Javier Bardem urges UN delegates to protect oceans

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Spanish actor and environmental activist Javier Bardem said Monday "we are all villains" for playing "deaf and blind" and not caring about the world's oceans, which are under more pressure than at any time in history.

The Oscar winner came to the United Nations to press delegates who are drafting an international treaty to protect oceans to support a strong document "that can actually create safe havens for marine life to recover."

"Our oceans are on the verge of collapse, and we have all played a huge role in this," Bardem said. "Now we must all play our part, especially you in this room."

He was speaking on a lunchtime panel in the conference room where delegates from the world's nations will meet over the next two weeks for the third of four treaty drafting sessions. But he started his remarks saying, "I see too many empty chairs here which worries me a lot," because an effective treaty is crucial for future generations and the future of the planet.

Bardem said the biggest mistake delegates can make "is not to care" and take seriously the threat of a possible catastrophe.

He cited the ills that have made the oceans unhealthy: plastic pollution, over-fishing, mining, drilling, ocean acidification "and of course, climate breakdown."

Javier Bardem poses for a picture in Times Square in New York, Monday, Aug. 19, 2019. AP

The drafting committee is expected to produce a draft treaty in 2020, with the aim of having it adopted as a legally binding document under The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. It will govern the conservation and use of plants and animals in the 64% of the world's ocean waters that do not come under national jurisdictions.

Bardem was asked what message he would have for President Donald Trump, who announced two years ago that the U.S. was withdrawing from the 2015 Paris climate agreement aimed at limiting greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming.

"You cannot withdraw from the Paris climate convention by any means," the actor said he would tell Trump. "This is serious. This is happening. This is now. You cannot live in denial. There is nothing to deny. It is a fact."

He said Trump and others who deny climate change should "pay attention to how nature is speaking to us constantly," including heat waves in Europe this summer and plastic on beaches everywhere.

"There is not one person in the world who will not be benefited by a climate convention and an ocean treaty," Bardem said.

He spoke about walking around Madrid, where it's very hot, and going to the seaside, which is polluted, and said he is "truly, deeply, honestly worried" about the future of his two children, aged 8 and 6. Bardem is married to actress Penélope Cruz.

When asked who the villain is, he said he's just played three villains on screen, "but I guess we are all villains because we have our part—we have played deaf and blind many times and we don't care."

Now, Bardem said, the experts are saying it's time to act before it's too late, so "from now on anyone who speaks blithely or lightly about the matter is a villain, because it's obvious that it is a serious matter."

Writers union says talent agents are violating antitrust law

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Writers Guild of America filed claims Monday in federal court alleging the entertainment industry's biggest talent agencies are violating antitrust and anti-racketeering laws, the latest move in a long and heated battle between those who write scripts and the agents who represent them.

The filings are a response to lawsuits filed by three agencies in recent months alleging the Writers Guild has itself violated antitrust law with organized actions in the dispute, including the mass firing of agents by thousands of writers in April.

At issue are so-called packaging fees, where talent agencies combine elements including writers, scripts or actors—most often on television series—and sell them directly to studios as a unit.

Writers have long held that the practice, common for decades in Hollywood, takes money that should rightfully be theirs and puts it in agents' pockets. They are now saying that it violates federal law, in part by agents taking money directly from studios before the writers see it.

"The way this should be working is there should be payment to the employees, and the employee pays commission to their representative," Tony Segall, general counsel for the Writers Guild of America West, told The Associated Press on Monday. "That's not the way it works, which we think is a big problem."

The suit alleges the major agencies have conspired to fix the price of packaging fees, and have been strong-arming smaller agencies that seek to use different models.

"We are simply asking the court to stop these agencies from illegally enriching themselves at the expense of writers," WGAW President David A. Goodman said in a statement.

The fight has brought negotiations over an operating agreement to a halt between agents and writers.

It first went to court in April, when the writers' union filed a lawsuit in California state court alleging violations of labor law.

Tommy Orange among winners of American Book Award

NEW YORK (AP)—Tommy Orange's novel "There There" and Jeffrey C. Stewart's biography of Harlem Renaissance thinker Alain Locke are among this year's winners of American Book Awards, given for works that highlight the diversity of the country's literature.

The awards were announced Monday by the Before Columbus Foundation, founded in 1976 by author Ishmael Reed.

Orange's debut novel was among the most acclaimed works of 2018. Stewart's "The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke" won the Pulitzer Prize.

Other winners Monday include Halifu Osumare's memoir "Dancing in Blackness," Ángel García's poetry book "Teeth Never Sleep" and William T. Vollmann's nonfiction work on climate change, "Carbon Ideologies."

The educator and psychologist Nathan Hare was given a lifetime achievement award. His books include "The Black Anglo-Saxons" and "The Endangered Black Family."

Publisher confirms Halperin book despite intense criticism

NEW YORK (AP)—Mark Halperin's planned book about the 2020 election has been officially announced amid protests that the "Game Change" co-author hasn't earned a second chance since facing multiple allegations of sexual harassment.

Regan Arts announced Monday that "How To Beat Trump" will come out in November. It draws upon the input of dozens of Democratic party strategists, among them Donna Brazile and David Axelrod. Reports Sunday of the book's publication were met with numerous denunciations , with former Fox News host Gretchen Carlson calling the news "a slap in the face to all women" and others condemning the participation of Brazile and others.

Axelrod and former Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm are among those expressing regret about their decision to work with Halperin. Representatives for CBS, NBC, ABC and CNN all have told The Associated Press that Halperin will not be appearing on any of their programs.

Regan Arts founder Judith Regan said in a statement that she did not "in any way, shape, or form condone" Halperin's behavior.

"I have also lived long enough to believe in the power of forgiveness, second chances, and offering a human being a path to redemption," she said. "'How To Beat Trump" is an important, thoughtful book, and I hope everyone has a chance to read it."

Halperin was a best-selling author and high-profile political commentator before numerous women alleged in 2017 that he had made crude sexual advances, leading to the cancellation of a book deal he had with Penguin Random House and to his firing by Showtime and NBC News. Halperin apologized for causing "pain and anguish," but also contended that some allegations were not true.

Regan has a history of taking on books that have inspired enraged responses. In 2006, she announced plans to publish O.J. Simpson's "If I Did It," billed as a fictionalized confession to the murders of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman. The book was soon cancelled and by the end of the year Regan had been fired by News Corp., where for years she had her own imprint. She launched Regan Arts in 2013, and had attracted far less attention in recent years.

The Rock announces wedding on Instagram

NEW YORK (AP)—With a simple "We do," Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson announced his wedding to his longtime girlfriend on Instagram.

A photo of the movie star and Lauren Hashian was posted on the social media site. Both were wearing white, and they were standing overlooking the ocean. The post said the date of their apparent nuptials was Sunday, in Hawaii.

Johnson's representative did not immediately return calls asking for comment.

The couple have been dating for several years and have two young daughters. Johnson also has a teenage daughter from a previous marriage.

Johnson has a lot to celebrate this month. His movie "Hobbs and Shaw" has been a box office success since being released earlier in August.

AP

In this Feb. 22, 2015, file photo Dwayne Johnson, left, and Lauren Hashian arrive at the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

Florida battery charge dropped against singer Chris Brown

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—A felony battery charge has been dropped against singer Chris Brown, who had been accused of attacking a nightclub photographer in Florida two years ago.

Hillsborough County prosecutors filed a notice Friday to drop the charge. The State Attorney's Office released a statement saying there was insufficient evidence.

Tampa police say Brown was at the former AJA Channelside club following a concert in April 2017 when he punched a photographer working for the club. Brown was gone when police arrived.

Brown was arrested more than a year later in Palm Beach County. He was met by officers with a warrant while walking off stage after a July 2018 show.

Brown's attorney, Kevin Napper, told the Tampa Bay Times Brown had been wrongfully accused and that prosecutors made the right decision.

Brad Paisley out; Reba, Dolly, Carrie Underwood to host CMA awards

Carrie Underwood, who has hosted the Country Music Association Awards since 2008 with Brad Paisley, is losing her partner-in-crime.

But she won't be on her own: The CMAs announced Monday that "special guest hosts" Dolly Parton and Reba McEntire will join Underwood during the Nov. 13 event. The organization says the show will celebrate "legendary women in Country Music throughout the ceremony."

The CMA Awards will air live on ABC from the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tennessee.

Though female acts are finding success on the country music scene, they've received little love on country radio as male acts continue to dominate. The last time a woman won CMA's top prize, entertainer of the year, was in 2011 when Taylor Swift won the honor.

Nominees for the CMA Awards will be announced Aug. 28. ***(AP)***

Paul Simon plants a tree at Hawaii forest preserve on Maui

KULA, Hawaii (AP)—Musician Paul Simon joined environmentalists trying to reinvigorate a Hawaii forest on Maui and planted a tree during a ceremony, a report said.

The singer-songwriter visited Auwahi Forest Restoration Project with volunteers who are trying to revive plant life in the area, The Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported Friday.

Simon helped plant a lama tree and participated in chants with the group after a helicopter tour that he called "awe-inspiring" and "life-changing."

Simon inserted the plant and a scroll into a hole before refilling the soil and speaking with group members.

"To even sit with you guys and be in the same community is such a privilege," Simon said.

The part-time Maui resident performed two environmental benefit concerts at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center earlier in the week that drew more than 8,000 attendees. Simon plans to donate the proceeds to the Auwahi project and the Hawaii environmental group Kuaaina Ulu Auamo.

Simon was put in contact with the environmentalists after visiting Hoolawa Farms in Haiku to view a rare kanaloa plant, one of only two in existence.

When he mentioned an interest in conservation, Hoolawa Farms horticulturist Anna Palomino said she connected Simon with Art Medeiros of the Auwahi project.

"We're all focused on community involvement and trying to save forests," Medeiros.

Simon expressed amazement at being in the forest preserve after growing up in heavily urbanized New Jersey and New York, caring only about "stickball and music."

"It's something I never could have imagined," Simon said.

AP

In this Friday, Aug. 16, 2019 photo, musician Paul Simon, left, joins in a prayer lead by Aimee Sato, second from right, prior to the planting of a lama tree at Auwahi Forest Reserve on Maui, Hawaii. The tree planting is a part of a growing forest restoration effort on Hawaii's second largest island.

Elton John slams media for criticizing Harry, Meghan

LONDON (AP) — Singer Elton John says he's "deeply distressed" by media accounts that criticized the Duke and Duchess of Sussex for taking a private jet to go on vacation despite the flight's carbon impact of the planet.

John took to Instagram on Monday to slam stories that suggested that Prince Harry and Meghan were hypocritical for accepting jet travel to stay at his home in Nice despite their devotion to eco-causes. John says he has a profound sense of obligation to Harry because of his friendship with the royal's mother, Princess Diana.

John and his partner "wanted the young family to have a private holiday." The jet offered a "high level of much-needed protection."

He says the flight was carbon neutral because it was offset by a contribution to Carbon Footprint.

Husband betrays wife's trust by posting nude photos of her

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 30 years. He is my high school sweetheart and my best friend. We enjoy each other, and I thought we had a great relationship. Occasionally, we "spice up" our sex life to keep things interesting. At his request, I have sexted him a few times with the understanding that he delete the photos once he has viewed them.

Well, the other night around 3 a.m., I heard his phone dinging over and over again. He was asleep so, thinking it was our daughter trying to reach us, I looked at it. To my horror, he had put pictures of me on a porn site through an app. There were pictures of me in various, unaware stages of nudity—like in the shower or sleeping in bed—and people were commenting lewd and disgusting things.

Needless to say, I feel beyond betrayed. My trust in him is broken, and I'm devastated at his behavior. His response is he is sorry and made a mistake. I don't know what to do. I'm considering leaving him. He's remorseful, but I don't understand why he would do this. Help, please.

PHOTO FINISH IN OHIO

DEAR PHOTO FINISH: You have my sympathy. A good husband would never do what yours did. It was not only a gross invasion of your privacy and an act of deception, but embarrassing and potentially dangerous if someone views the images and recognizes you. What his motives were, I can't guess.

Everything you're feeling is valid. If your marriage is to survive, the trust must somehow be restored. If you plan to stay married to him, a marriage and family therapist may be able to give you more insight. It would be worth your while for the two of you to talk to someone who is licensed, and soon.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I had a horrible loss this year, and we're having trouble dealing with and working through our grief. His ex-wife murdered three of his four children and committed suicide.

We are both young and have been trying to find organizations where we can communicate with other parents who have lost their children, but a lot of group members just seem to want to one-up how tragic their loss was. Do you have any suggestions for online or in-person groups for people with similar experiences? It's hard feeling so alone, and I'm sure there are other parents out there looking for this kind of information.

ALONE AND GRIEVING

DEAR ALONE: I am sorry for the epic tragedy your fiance experienced, and with which you are both trying to cope. An organization that may be able to help you is The National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children (POMC). Founded in 1978, its mission is to provide support and guidance to all survivors of homicide victims, while working to create a world free of murder. It seeks to make a difference through ongoing emotional support, education, prevention, advocacy and awareness. To learn more, visit its website, which is pomc.org, or call 888-818-7662 or 513-721-5683.

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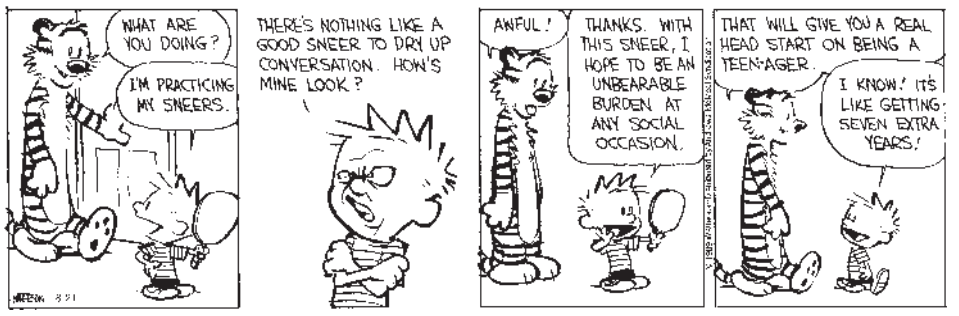
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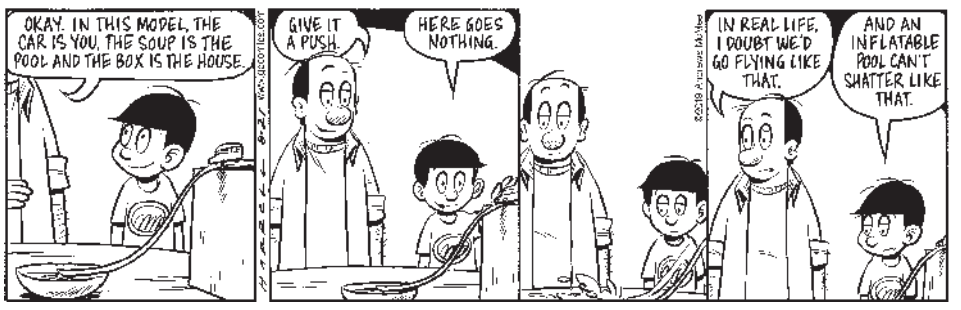
THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A GOOD SNEER TO DRY UP CONVERSATION. HOW'S MINE LOOK?
AWFUL!
THANKS. WITH THIS SNEER, I HOPE TO BE AN UNBEARABLE BURDEN AT ANY SOCIAL OCCASION.
THAT WILL GIVE YOU A REAL HEAD START ON BEING A TEEN-AGER.
I KNOW! IT'S LIKE GETTING SEVEN EXTRA YEARS!

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

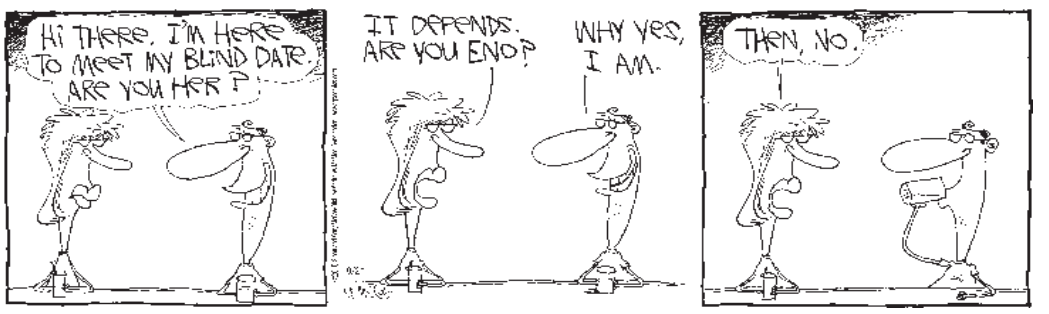
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


OKAY. IN THIS MODEL, THE CAR IS YOU, THE SOUP IS THE POOL AND THE BOX IS THE HOUSE.
GIVE IT A PUSH.
HERE GOES NOTHING.
IN REAL LIFE, I DOUBT WE'D GO FLYING LIKE THAT.
AND AN INFLATABLE POOL CAN'T SHATTER LIKE THAT.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 "Terrif!"
4 Horn sound
8 Swine
12 Like Abner
13 Car
14 Has bills
15 Fuss
16 Brass instruments
18 Unspoken
20 Soap unit
21 Activist Parks
24 Florida city
28 Reed instruments
32 Residence, in Berlin
33 Swelled head
34 Wise ones
36 Submachine gun
37 Beer, slangily
39 Wind instruments
41 Malia's sister
43 Job-safety org.
44 Nabokov novel
46 Patsy Cline's "— to Pieces"
50 Percussion instruments
55 Iowa college
56 Help a hood
57 Streetcar
58 Lyricist Gershwin
59 "I never — man I didn't like"
60 Yale students
61 Lion's home

DOWN

1 Level
2 Verdi opera
3 United nations
4 Bits of body art
5 "— Town"
6 Oklahoma tribe
7 Pyramid, maybe
8 "Yay!"
9 Possess
10 "Gosh!"
11 Snake's warning
17 Ball club?
19 Apr. check casher
22 Daytime drama
23 Cardio procedure
25 Manhandle
26 "The Godfather" author
27 Unrepaired
28 Porgy's love
29 Oaxaca water
30 Lays down the lawn
31 Brief moments
35 Rifts
38 California peak
40 Klutz
42 Annex
45 Jocular Johnson
47 Battery fluid
48 Traditional tales
49 Low-fat
50 "Kapow!"
51 Actor Vigoda
52 Filming site
53 Web address
54 — tai

Solution time: 23 mins.

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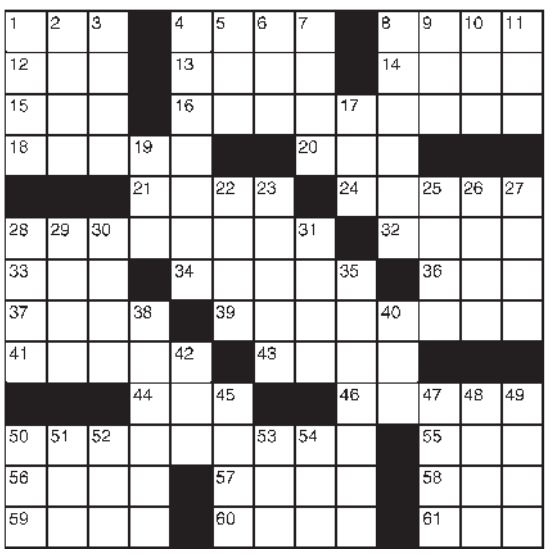
Yesterday's answer 8-21



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Hayden Panettiere, 30; Usain Bolt, 33; Carrie-Anne Moss, 52; Kim Cattrall, 63.

Happy Birthday: Know your limits, your strengths and your desires, and plunge into the future with confidence. Set your goals, and refuse to let anyone distract or persuade you to give up on your dreams. A steady pace forward will bring the rewards and the attention you crave. Trust in your ability to seize the moment and to make things happen. Your numbers are 2, 6, 14, 25, 32, 39, 43.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Observe, and set your plans in motion. Having the confidence to move forward will depend on how prepared you are. Know what you are up against, and you'll figure out how to conquer your fears. Use experience and knowledge as leverage. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Settle into something you enjoy doing to ease your stress. Distance yourself from people who bring out the worst in you; focus more on those who share your likes and dislikes. Romance is highlighted and will improve your personal life. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Listen to your heart, your head and your experiences when dealing with partnerships and persuasive people. Decide what it is you want, and head in that direction without hesitation. Showing confidence and consistency will ward off meddlers. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Nurturing and helping others will make you feel good and encourage you to make some personal changes as a result of the experience. A little discipline, exercise and a healthy diet will lead to a positive outlook and plenty of compliments. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Don't let someone's persuasive story prompt you to get involved in a risky venture or let down your guard and indulge in something you probably shouldn't. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Let your heart lead the way. Learn from experience, and don't miss out on something you want. Change begins within, and the desire to strive for a better life will bring you the satisfaction and happiness you deserve. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* What you do for others will be rewarded. Don't be bothered by anyone who puts you down or criticizes you for what you do. You are the one who has to live with your actions. Do what feels right spiritually. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Think twice before you decide to make a move or change that will alter a significant relationship, position or your reputation. Think matters through; look for alternative ways to proceed that will have a minimal effect on loved ones. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Spring for something you want or that will make you feel optimistic moving forward. Sign up for a course, gather the information that will help you excel or let someone you love know what your intentions are. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* A journey that moves you spiritually, emotionally or intellectually should be taken. Find out why someone or something is important to you, dive into your ancestry or reconnect with people who can offer valuable information regarding your past. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* A hasty move can easily backfire on you. Walk away from inconsistent or unpredictable situations. Refuse to get caught in someone's dilemma. Use intelligence to help you make wise decisions. ✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* A change in the way you earn or handle your money is encouraged. Reconnect with someone you have worked with in the past, and you'll be given a lead on a position that is made to fit your qualifications. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, unpredictable and charismatic. You are appealing and optimistic.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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	8		6		7			
	6	5				7		
	5						6	
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	2		9	1			4	
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Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/21

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

7	5	8	1	3	6	2	4	9
2	3	6	9	7	4	5	1	8
9	1	4	2	8	5	7	6	3
6	4	5	8	1	9	3	7	2
8	2	3	5	4	7	6	9	1
1	7	9	6	2	3	4	8	5
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3	9	1	4	6	2	8	5	7

Difficulty Level ★★

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

CORROSION **Solution: 8 letters**

T	N	E	G	A	T	M	O	S	P	H	E	R	E	K
R	D	N	T	E	F	R	E	P	P	O	C	C	C	A
A	C	O	I	L	T	L	O	B	O	A	T	A	E	H
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L	V	A	L	V	E	F	O	G	R	C	E	T	B	W
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Yesterday's Answer: Contortionist

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(02) SALES PERSON - $8.57 to 8.88 per hour plus 1.5 OT Full time, 40 hrs. a week, Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Sell merchandise, such as furniture, motor vehicles and parts, appliances, or apparel to consumers. Greet customers and ascertain what each customer wants or needs. Recommend, select, and help locate or obtain merchandise based on customer needs and desires. Compute sales prices, total purchases, and receive and process cash or credit payment. Prepare merchandise for purchase or rental. Answer questions regarding the store and its merchandise.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
- High School Graduate or its equivalence;
- At least 12 months experience
- Must be knowledgeable in operating PC, adding machine, electric typewriter

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(15) **Auto Technician** $7.98 per hour, plus 1.5 OT Full time 40 hrs. a week, Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Repair automobiles, trucks, buses, and other vehicles. Master mechanics repair virtually any part on the vehicle or specialize in the transmission system. Test drive vehicles and test components and systems, using equipment such as infrared engine analyzers, compression gauges, and computerized diagnostic devices. Test and adjust repaired systems to meet manufacturers' performance specifications. Repair, reline, replace, and adjust brakes. Review work orders and discuss work with supervisors. Confer with customers to obtain descriptions of vehicle problems and to discuss work to be performed and future repair requirements.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
- High School Graduate;
- At least 24 months experience
- Knowledge in using hand and power tools

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(30) **CARPENTER/LABOR** $9.76 per hour, plus 1.5 OT Full time 40 hrs. a week, Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Help carpenters by performing duties requiring less skill. Duties include using, supplying or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work area and equipment. Clean work areas, machines, or equipment, to maintain a clean and safe job site. Fasten timbers or lumber with glue, screws, pegs, or nails and install hardware. Perform tie spacing layout and measure, mark, drill or cut. Select tools, equipment, or materials from storage and transport items to work site. Drill holes in timbers or lumber.

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(4) **CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN** 14.18 per hour, plus 1.5 OT Full time 40 hrs. a week, Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Apply theory and principles of civil engineering in planning, designing, and overseeing construction and maintenance of structures and facilities under the direction of engineering staff or physical scientists. Calculate dimensions, square footage, profile and component specifications, and material quantities using calculator or computer. Read and review project blueprints and structural specifications to determine dimensions of structure or system and material requirements. Draft detailed dimensional drawings and design layouts for projects and to ensure conformance to specifications. Confer with supervisor to determine project details such as plan preparation, acceptance testing, and evaluation of field conditions. Analyze proposed site factors and design maps, graphs, tracings, and diagrams to illustrate findings.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
- Associate Graduate;
- At least 24 months experience
- Knowledge in practical application of Engineering Science and Technology

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(02) **Environmental Health and Safety Manager** $10. 65 to 10.65 per hour, plus 1.5 OT, Full time, 40 hours a week, Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Review, evaluate, and analyze work environments and design programs and procedures to control, eliminate, and prevent disease or injury caused by chemical, physical, and biological agents or ergonomic factors. May conduct inspections and enforce adherence to laws and regulations governing the health and safety of individuals. May be employed in the public or private sector. Includes environmental protection officers. Order suspension of activities that pose threats to workers' health or safety. Investigate accidents to identify causes or to determine how such accidents might be prevented in the future. Recommend measures to help protect workers from potentially hazardous work methods, processes, or materials. Inspect or evaluate workplace environments, equipment, or practices to ensure compliance with safety standards and government regulations. Develop or maintain hygiene programs, such as noise surveys, continuous atmosphere monitoring, ventilation surveys, or asbestos management plans.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
- Bachelor's Degree;
- At least 24 months experience in safety standards;
- Must possess various safety training certificates.

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(04) **Interior Designer** - $8.48 to 9.32 per hour, plus 1.5 OT Full time, 40 hours a week, Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Plan, design, and furnish interiors of residential, commercial, or industrial buildings. Formulate design which is practical, aesthetic, and conducive to intended purposes, such as raising productivity, selling merchandise, or improving life style. May specialize in a particular field, style, or phase of interior design. Design plans to be safe and to be compliant with the American Disabilities Act (ADA). Coordinate with other professionals, such as contractors, architects, engineers, and lumbers, to ensure job success. Inspect construction work on site to ensure its adherence to the design plans. Use computer-aided drafting (CAD) and related software to produce construction documents. Advise client on interior design factors such as space planning, layout and use of furnishings or equipment, and color coordination.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
Bachelor's Degree;
At least 24 months experience;
Must have knowledge of design techniques, tools, and principles involved in the production of precision technical plans, blueprints, drawings, and models

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(12) **Mechanics** $7.98 per hour, plus 1.5 OT Full time 40 hrs. a week, Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automotive vehicles. Repair automobiles, trucks, buses, and other vehicles. Test drive vehicles and test components and systems, using equipment such as infrared engine analyzers, compression gauges, and computerized diagnostic devices. Test and adjust repaired systems to meet manufacturers' performance specifications. Repair, reline, replace, and adjust brakes. Review work orders and discuss work with supervisors. Confer with customers to obtain descriptions of vehicle problems and to discuss work to be performed and future repair requirements.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
- High School Graduate;
- At least 24 months experience
- Knowledge in using hand and power tools and testers.

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(2) **MATERIAL CONTROL MANAGER** $9.02 per hour, plus 1.5 OT Full time 40 hrs. a week, Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Weigh, measure, and check materials, supplies, and equipment for the purpose of keeping relevant records. Duties are primarily clerical by nature. Manage, collect and keep record of samples of products or materials. Document quantity, quality, type, weight, test result data, and value of materials or products to maintain shipping, receiving, and production records and files. Weigh or measure materials, equipment, or products to maintain relevant records, using volume meters, scales, rules, or calipers. Collect or prepare measurement, weight, or identification labels and attach them to products. Examine products or materials, parts, subassemblies, and packaging for damage, defects, or shortages, using specification sheets, gauges, and standards charts. Signal or instruct other workers to weigh, move, or check products

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
- High School Graduate;
- At least 12 months experience
- Knowledge of raw materials, production processes, quality control, costs, and other techniques for maximizing the effective manufacture and distribution of goods.

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(06) **Mechanics** $7.98 per hour, plus 1.5 OT Full time 40 hrs. a week, Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automotive vehicles. Repair automobiles, trucks, buses, and other vehicles. Test drive vehicles and test components and systems, using equipment such as infrared engine analyzers, compression gauges, and computerized diagnostic devices. Test and adjust repaired systems to meet manufacturers' performance specifications. Repair, reline, replace, and adjust brakes. Review work orders and discuss work with supervisors. Confer with customers to obtain descriptions of vehicle problems and to discuss work to be performed and future repair requirements.

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(05) SERVICE TECHNICIAN- $10.58 per hour, plus 1.5 OT Full time 40hrs.a week, Monday to Friday 7:30am to 4:30pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Help plumbers, pipefitters, steamfitters, or pipelayers by performing duties requiring less skill. Duties include using, supplying or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work area and equipment. Measure, cut, thread and assemble new pipe, placing the assembled pipe in hangers or other supports. Cut or drill holes in walls or floors to accommodate the passage of pipes. Perform rough-ins, repair and replace fixtures and water heaters, and locate, repair, or remove leaking or broken pipes. Assist pipe fitters in the layout, assembly, and installation of piping for air, ammonia, gas, and water systems. Cut pipe and lift up to fitters. Fit or assist in fitting valves, couplings, or assemblies to tanks, pumps, or systems, using hand tools. Requisition tools and equipment, select type and size of the pipe, and collect and transport materials and equipment to work site. Mount brackets and hangers on walls and ceilings to hold pipes, and set sleeves or inserts to provide support for pipes. Excavate and grade ditches, and lay and join pipe for water and sewer service. Disassemble and remove the damaged or worn pipe.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
- High School Graduate;
- At least 12 months experience
- Knowledge in using hand and power tools.

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DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Raise, place, and unite iron or steel girders, columns, and other structural members to form completed structures or structural frameworks. May erect metal storage tanks and assemble prefabricated metal buildings. Read specifications or blueprints to determine the locations, quantities, or sizes of materials required. Connect columns, beams, and girders with bolts, following blueprints and instructions from supervisors. Bolt aligned structural steel members in position for permanent riveting, bolting, or welding into place. Fasten structural steel members to hoist cables, using chains, cables, or rope. Hoist steel beams, girders, or columns into place, using cranes or signaling hoisting equipment operators to lift and position structural steel members.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
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DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Receive, store, and issue materials, equipment, and other items from stockroom, warehouse, or storage yard. Keep records and compile stock reports. Pack and unpack items to be stocked on shelves in stockrooms, warehouses, or storage yards. Store items in an orderly and accessible manner in warehouses, tool rooms, supply rooms, or other areas. Examine and inspect stock items for wear or defects, reporting any damage to supervisors. Receive and count stock items, and record data manually or using a computer. Mark stock items using identification tags, stamps, electric marking tools, or other labeling equipment.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
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Nationals continue onslaught, pound Pirates

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The Nationals are on a hot streak at the plate that defies explanation.

"If anyone knew the answer to that, they could write a book and make millions of dollars," Adam Eaton said.

The onslaught continued Monday night when Asdrúbal Cabrera hit the last of Washington's four home runs and drove in five runs, and three relievers combined for 6 2/3 innings of one-hit ball as the Nationals thumped the Pittsburgh Pirates 13-0.

Eaton, Matt Adams and Trea Turner also connected for the Nationals, who have scored 79 runs in their last eight games while going 7-1. They've scored 43 times in their past three, including a 15-14 loss.

Adams added two doubles and had four RBIs. Juan Soto had four of Washington's 15 hits and walked, reaching base in all five plate appearances.

The Nationals aren't eager to talk about how they've managed to score at least 13 runs in the four of their last five games, for fear of jinxing themselves.

"I'll leave that to you guys in the media world," Eaton said.

Starting pitching is considered the Nationals' strength, with three-time Cy Young award winner Max Scherzer fronting a rotation that includes Stephen Strasburg and Patrick Corbin. But manager Dave Martinez believes Washington's offense stacks up well, too.

"We have a lot of functional pieces," Martinez said. "We've got guys that can get on base, guys that can steal bases, guys who can move the ball around and hit the ball all over, and guys in the middle of the lineup who can juice balls.

"Our lineup is pretty thick right now. I'm proud of the way they're swinging it. They are swinging at good pitches and willing to take walks, too."

AP

Pittsburgh Pirates catcher Elias Diaz, center, looks to tag Washington Nationals' Asdrubal Cabrera (13) who was trying to score from first on a double by Matt Adams in the second inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 19, 2019, in Pittsburgh.

Javy Guerra (2-1) pitched 3 2/3 perfect innings in relief of Joe Ross, who departed in the fourth inning. Ross was hit in the left shin by a one-hopper off the bat of Josh Bell.

"How about the job Javy did?" Martinez said. "He really saved us from having to go deep into our bullpen."

Kyle McGowin and Tanner Rainey finished the four-hitter with one inning each for Washington's 11th shutout of the season.

The Nationals moved within five games of first-place Atlanta, which was idle, in the NL East and continue to lead the wild-card standings.

Cardinals 3, Brewers 0

In St. Louis, Dakota Hudson and two relievers combined on a one-hitter, and Paul DeJong homered to lead the Cardinals over the Milwaukee Brewers in a series opener between NL Central contenders.

Yasmani Grandal's ground-rule double with two outs in the eighth inning off Giovanny Gallegos was Milwaukee's only hit. Hudson was lifted with two outs in the seventh after throwing 111 pitches, and Andrew Miller got four outs for his fifth save.

St. Louis increased its division lead to a half-game over the idle Chicago Cubs. Third-place Milwaukee is three games back.

Hudson (12-6) matched a career high with seven strikeouts and walked four.

Milwaukee's best chance for a hit against Hudson came in the sixth when Trent Grisham hit a hard grounder up the middle.

Rangers 8, Angels 7, 11 innings

In Arlington, the Angels squandered a six-run lead and lost to the Rangers in their first trip back to Texas since pitcher Tyler Skaggs was found dead in his hotel room last month.

Isiah Kiner-Falefa brought home the winning run with a high-chop infield single off Noé Ramirez (4-2), scoring Jose Trevino and ending the Rangers' four-game losing streak.

Shohei Ohtani extended the longest hitting streak of his career to 10 games with an RBI triple , then had a broken bat line drive that turned into an inning-ending double play with the bases loaded in the 10th. The Japanese star reached base four times and scored twice.

Albert Pujols' 652nd career homer and 19th of the season capped a five-run first inning, and the Angels led 7-1 before Trevino's first career homer and Scott Heineman's first two big league RBIs got the Rangers closer.

Mariners 9, Rays 3

In St. Petersburg, Tom Murphy homered twice and drove in four runs, Austin Nola also went deep and had three RBIs, and Seattle beat Tampa Bay.

Murphy had three hits and a walk, including a three-run homer in the first and a solo shot in the fifth. He has 15 homers in 52 games. Nola had a two-run homer during a four-run second off Rays two-way player Brendan McKay (2-3) and had an RBI single in the fourth.

Marco Gonzales (13-10) went five innings, giving up three runs and five hits to get the win.

Tommy Pham and Austin Meadows homered for Tampa Bay, which is 2-2 on a six-game homestand against Detroit and Seattle.

Padres 3, Reds 2

In Cincinnati, Francisco Mejía hit a solo homer off the foul pole, Manny Machado had an RBI single in the first inning, and San Diego held on to beat the Reds.

Kirby Yates escaped a bases-loaded threat in the ninth to save San Diego's third straight win and earned his 36th save in 39 chances.

Trevor Bauer (10-10) recovered from one of the worst outings of his career by giving up three runs and fanning 11 in seven innings.

San Diego is three homers shy of the club record of 189 from 2017.

Freddy Galvis' homered and Josh VanMeter had an RBI single for the Reds.

Royals 5, Orioles 4

In Baltimore, Nicky Lopez and Nick Dini homered on successive pitches in the seventh inning and Kansas City stretched Baltimore's latest losing streak to eight games.

Kansas City (45-80) won for the sixth time in its last 22 games, and Baltimore (39-86) absorbed its 13th loss in 14 games.

Orioles starter John Means (8-9) kept Kansas City hitless until Lopez led off the sixth inning with a single to spark a three-run uprising.

Astros 5, Tigers 4

In Houston, Yuli Gurriel had two hits and drove in two runs as the Astros built a lead with a big first inning and held on to defeat Detroit.

The Astros jumped on Detroit starter Edwin Jackson (3-6) for four runs in the first inning.

Yordan Alvarez and Robinson Chirinos also drove in runs for the Astros on a night shortstop Carlos Correa left after the first inning with back discomfort.

Ronny Rodriguez and Travis Demeritte homered for Detroit. Designated hitter Miguel Cabrera had two hits and drove in a run before he was ejected for arguing balls and strikes in the fifth inning.

White Sox 6, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, José Abreu hit a three-run homer in a four-run second inning, helping Iván Nova and Chicago beat Minnesota.

Nova (9-9) allowed 10 hits and two runs in 5 1/3 innings, with both runs scoring among Minnesota's first three batters of the game. Alex Colomé worked a rocky ninth for his 24th save in 25 chances.

Kyle Gibson (11-6), who retired 10 straight batters at one point, surrendered five runs in 6 2/3 innings.

Diamondbacks 5, Rockies 3

In Phoenix, Carson Kelly hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the eighth inning, part of a three-run rally that sent the Arizona to a win over Colorado.

David Peralta added a two-run triple in the eighth, making a winner of reliever Yoan Lopez (2-5) after he got two outs in the top of the inning. Wade Davis (1-6) took the loss after giving up Kelly's home run.

Ketel Marte also homered and starter Zac Gallen allowed a run and five hits over six innings in his third start for the Diamondbacks since arriving in a trade with Miami on July 31. He struck out eight and walked six.

Red Sox lose Sale for rest of season

BOSTON (AP) — Red Sox left-hander Chris Sale is receiving treatment for inflammation in his elbow that will shut him down for the rest of the regular season, another blow to the defending World Series champions whose postseason hopes appear all but dashed.

Orthopedist Dr. James Andrews gave Sale an injection of platelet-rich plasma on Monday and said he will be re-evaluated in six weeks.

Looking beyond this frustrating season, the treatment could be good news for the club, which feared Sale might need Tommy John surgery. That would likely have cost him the 2020 season.

Boston was off Monday and was 6½ games out of a wild card spot.

The 30-year-old Sale was coming off two solid starts in which he combined for 25 strikeouts—including the 2,000th of his career—and allowed only three runs in 14 2/3 innings.

Sale, a seven-time All-Star in his 10th season, was the fastest to reach 2,000 Ks in major league history.

Last season, Sale dealt with shoulder soreness after the All-Star break, limiting him to 29 innings.

He was also limited in the postseason, but closed out the World Series by striking out then-Los Angeles Dodgers infielder Manny Machado to clinch Boston's fourth title in 15 seasons.

Sale signed a six-year, $160 million contract in March that includes $50 million in deferred money.

Sale never shied away from responsibility for his struggles this year. His velocity was down in April, and he took the loss in five of his first six starts.

"I'm struggling and I don't know if I've really pitched like this in my life," Sale said after a loss to Toronto on April 9. "It's a tough spot to be in. But I've got guys up here fighting and I've got to keep fighting. There's no giving up. If something's not working, you got to go to something else."

Tiger wants Presidents Cup team playing before Australia

ILLINOIS (AP)—Tiger Woods wants the eight players who made his Presidents Cup team and four more under consideration as captain's picks to play tournaments and stay sharp over the next three months leading to the December matches Down Under.

Left unclear was whether that applies to the captain if Woods decides to pick himself.

Woods said he told prospective Presidents Cup players at a meeting two weeks ago how important it was to be committed to the team and to the event.

"And that means playing and being prepared," he said during a conference call Monday evening. "The only time we have ever lost the Cup was in Australia, and quite frankly, some of the guys didn't play or practice that much. It was our offseason, and we got beat pretty badly."

The matches were held the first week of December in 1998 at Royal Melbourne, and the International team routed the Americans so badly it clinched the cup before lunch was served. It remains the only time the International team won since the Presidents Cup began in 1994. The teams tied in South Africa in 2003.

"It's something I try to reinforce to the guys, that it is important to be solid, be fresh and be sharp," Woods said. "We're going overseas and we're playing against an amazing team, and it's their soil. These guys are going to be tough to beat."

The Americans won in a return to Royal Melbourne in 2011 when it was held in mid-November. This time, the matches end 10 days before Christmas.

Woods and Phil Mickelson were part of that first U.S. team that went to Melbourne, and only one of them was assured of returning 21 years later. Woods is a captain for the first time and eventually will decide whether to be the first playing captain of the Presidents Cup since Hale Irwin in 1994.

The Masters champion was not among the eight qualifiers after the BMW Championship, finishing 13th in the standings. And while he wants his players and potential picks to stay sharp, Woods has only one tournament on his schedule — the Zozo Championship in Japan from Oct. 24-27.

So does that rule him out when he makes his four picks a week after Japan?

"I don't know. That's up to myself and the vice captains and eight guys," he said. "I'm going to keep an open line of communication with my players and my vice captains to find the four guys that they want to go down there with and who best fits the team."

The eight qualifiers are Brooks Koepka, Justin Thomas, Dustin Johnson, Patrick Cantlay, Xander Schauffele, Webb Simpson, Matt Kuchar and Bryson DeChambeau. All but Cantlay and Schauffele have played in a Presidents Cup or Ryder Cup. Cantlay played in the Walker Cup in 2011.

Among those needing a pick are U.S. Open champion Gary Woodland, Tony Finau, Rickie Fowler, Patrick Reed, Chez Reavie and Kevin Kisner—along with Woods and Mickelson, who has played on every U.S. team dating to the 1994 Presidents Cup.

All but Finau have won tournaments this year.

When asked if Mickelson would be a vice captain if he doesn't warrant a captain's pick, Woods instead spoke of the experience of the three assistances he has — Fred Couples and Steve Stricker, who both were winning Presidents Cup captains, and Zach Johnson, who is part of the Ryder Cup committee.

Mickelson plans to play the Safeway Open in Napa at the end of September (which his management company runs) and the CJ Cup in South Korea, and said he might add a tournament depending on how he plays.

Woods has made it clear that the four picks will be a consensus of his assistants and eight qualifiers, though "ultimately it's going to be my call." He has played only six tournaments since winning the Masters. He missed the cut in three of them (two were majors) and finished a combined 39 shots out of the lead in the other three.

So how does he measure whether he's worthy of a pick?

"It's practicing, it's playing, it's staying sharp," Woods said. "Obviously, I'm playing in Japan, and so that's going to help. I think it has to do with a lot of my competitions I'm going to have down here (in Florida). I'll be playing with a lot of the guys here. They're going to be getting ready for some of the fall events. We'll have some matches, and that's always fun because we're able to talk trash and have a great time.

"That will be something that I will definitely rely on, and obviously the event in Japan will be a big deal."

AP

Tiger Woods hits from a sand trap on the fourth hole during the first round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at Medinah Country Club, Thursday, Aug. 15, 2019, in Medinah, Ill.

Jason Day in Australian Open field

Meanwhile, Jason Day is hoping a one-week trip Down Under for the Australian Open will turn into two. He and Presidents Cup captain Ernie Els might already be formulating that plan.

Australian Open officials on Tuesday said Day will play at The Australian Golf Club in Sydney from Dec. 5-8.

Golf Australia chief Stephen Pitt said the Australian Open will have "one of the strongest" fields in years, and that he hopes to have about nine of the 12 players from the International team for the following week's Presidents Cup at Royal Melbourne.

Day finished outside of the top eight as automatic picks for the International team to face the United States, but is strongly favored to join Adam Scott, Marc Leishman and Cameron Smith among the Australian contingent for the tournament at Royal Melbourne from Dec. 12-15.

If so, he'll need to be a captain's pick by Els, and Australian media are suggesting that will be a "shoo-in."

Based in Ohio and with three children, Day has found it difficult in recent years to return to Australia for his home Open, mostly because it often clashes with the Thanksgiving Day holiday in the U.S.

USWNT lawsuit on equal pay to go to trial in 2020

NEW YORK—The equal pay lawsuit filed by US women footballers against the US Soccer Federation has been scheduled to go to trial on May 5, 2020, the players' spokesperson said Monday.

The gender discrimination lawsuit regarding unequal pay and working conditions was filed on March 8 by 28 players, and Monday's trial date, set by US District Judge R. Gary Klausner in Los Angeles, comes a week after the players and the federation reached an impasse in mediation.

"We are pleased with the expeditious schedule that has been set by the Court and we are eager to move forward with this case," Molly Levinson, a spokesperson for the US women players, said in a statement. "We very much look forward to the trial in May 2020 when the players will have their day in court.

"We have every confidence that these world champion athletes will get what they legally deserve—nothing less than equal pay and working conditions."

AP

In this April 6, 2016, file photo, a girl holds up a sign for equal pay for the U.S. women soccer players, during the first half of an international friendly soccer match between the United States and Colombia, in East Hartford, Conn.

The May date will put the jury trial amid the team's build up to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, although it remains possible a settlement could be reached before then.

The issue was center stage as the United States triumphed in the Women's World Cup in France in July, chants of "equal Pay" raining down on the champions after they defeated the Netherlands in the final.

US lawmakers have proposed legislation that would block federal funding for the 2026 Men's World Cup—to be hosted jointly by the United States, Mexico and Canada—until the federation pays its women's national team "fair and equitable wages".

A US Soccer spokesman said the federation was "continuing to work to find a resolution" to the dispute.

Federation president Carlos Cordeiro issued figures last month that he said showed US Soccer had compensated women more than men over the past decade, but the women players said the figures were misleading, noting they included salaries for National Women's Soccer League play.

No decision yet on Dolphins starting QB

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Choosing the Miami Dolphins' quarterback has become a close call, mostly because both candidates have been only so-so, and coach Brian Flores isn't ready to announce his decision.

He is not sure he'll be ready before the final exhibition game, either.

Ryan Fitzpatrick is expected to start the third game of the preseason Thursday against Jacksonville, with Josh Rosen coming off the bench. But that doesn't mean Fitzpatrick has clinched the No. 1 job, Flores said Monday, even though the Dolphins are treating the game as a dress rehearsal for the season opener Sept. 8 against Baltimore.

Flores said he might announce his choice after the Jacksonville game, and before the final exhibition game next week.

"Potentially," Flores said. "We'll have most of the evaluation done. Potentially we would be able to make that call. But we may not."

It's possible the first-year coach has made up his mind and wants to keep future opponents guessing. Or perhaps he is still waiting for one of his quarterbacks to make a stronger case for the job.

Both quarterbacks seem fine with the prolonged uncertainty.

"Whatever coach wants to do, whenever he wants to put me in or not put me in, I'm here and ready," Fitzpatrick said.

Said Rosen: "Those decisions about playing or not are above me. I'm just trying to show my skills."

Rosen has played more in the first two games. He is 23 for 38 for 293 yards with five sacks, no touchdowns, one interception and a rating of 73.7. Flores declared Fitzpatrick the front-runner early in training camp, but the 15th-year veteran is just 5 for 14 for 40 yards with one sack, no touchdowns or interceptions and a rating of 44.3.

Both were up and down last week in Tampa Bay during joint practices and then a game against the Buccaneers.

"There were some good things," Flores said. "There were some not-so-good things."

If the quarterbacking has been mediocre, so has the rest of the offense. Blocking, penalties and dropped passes have all been problems.

"There are a lot of things we could do better offensively," Flores said. "Some of those are not on the quarterback. We need to clean those things up to get a good evaluation of the entire offense."

AP

Miami Dolphins quarterback Josh Rosen (3) is tackled by Atlanta Falcons defensive tackle Jacob Tuioti-Mariner during the first half of a preseason NFL football game Thursday, Aug. 8, 2019, in Miami Gardens, Fla.

While the QB situation remains unsettled, Miami may be set in the offensive line with undrafted rookie Shaq Calhoun and third-round pick Michael Deiter starting at the guard spots.

"I feel good about the five guys that are rolling right now," Flores said.

The other starters up front are left tackle Laremy Tunsil, center Daniel Kilgore and right tackle Jesse Davis.

If Fitzpatrick gets the nod at quarterback, it will be partly because of his extensive experience. He can become the first player to throw a pass for eight NFL teams.

Rosen was discarded after only one season by the Arizona Cardinals, who took him in the first round of the 2018 draft, and the Dolphins believe he can become a franchise quarterback. To do so, he needs to play, and he is certain to get his chance at some point this year.

Perhaps for that reason, he is taking a long view on the quarterback competition.

"Each day I'm just trying to execute our plays the best I can," Rosen said. "I'm just keeping my head down, more of a microscope perspective, as opposed to a telescope."

Garoppolo struggles

Jimmy Garoppolo may be opening the door for a quarterback controversy in San Francisco. The 27-year-old had a horrific outing during the 49ers' second preseason game against the Denver Broncos on Monday night.

He left the game in the first quarter with a quarterback rating of 0.0 after completing 1 of 6 passes for 0 yards and an interception on three drives. And he was lucky his stats didn't look worse. One of his incompletions was nearly picked off for a second interception, but a Broncos defender dropped the potential takeaway.

Yes, it's only preseason. But often, preseason is when life is easiest for a quarterback, who is reading uncomplicated coverages from a defense that might be lacking some of its stars. In other words, the Nick Mullens hype train is gaining steam.

Garoppolo is making his return from an ACL injury, which he suffered in September 2018. He finished the 2018 season with a 59.6 completion percentage, 718 passing yards, five touchdowns and three interceptions in three games. While he had an impressive start with the 49ers in 2017, when he notched five wins on a team that had zero wins prior to Garoppolo's takeover, his appearances past 2017 have not been as pretty.

So when he flunked on Monday Night Football, fans began to freak out.

Lock jams right thumb

Broncos rookie quarterback Drew Lock suffered a jammed right thumb Monday night in a preseason game against San Francisco.

The second-round pick said his X-rays were negative as he wore a protective brace following Denver's loss to the 49ers. There was no immediate timetable for his return.

"I'm definitely going to be careful," Lock said. "At the same time, the competitive side of me wants to get out there and keep proving myself to these coaches and to my teammates. ... I feel like we'll make a good decision."

Lock's injury happened early in the third quarter, when he was tripped up by 49ers strong safety Marcell Harris on a second-down play. He landed on his thumb as he attempted to pitch the ball to a receiver.

On third down, Lock tried to throw a deep pass but experienced a little bit of discomfort. He went to the bench and the thumb began to stiffen up, leading to him being replaced by Kevin Hogan on Denver's next possession.

Lock finished 7 of 12 for 40 yards before leaving. He also scrambled twice for 11 yards.

Lock is in contention for the backup spot to Joe Flacco.

Gordon back with Patriots

Oft-suspended wide receiver Josh Gordon returned to the New England Patriots' practice field on Monday without pads and without saying when he might be able to play again.

Gordon was seen stretching on the field during the portion of the team's workout that was open to the media. In the locker room before practice, he declined a request for an interview.

"I don't have time today," he said. "I'll be around, though."

The Patriots placed Gordon on the non-football injury list on Sunday, two days after the NFL reinstated him from an indefinite suspension that cost him the final three games of the 2018 regular season and the team's Super Bowl run. Commissioner Roger Goodell said Gordon could participate in team meetings, conditioning and individual workouts while working himself back into shape.

A 2012 second-round draft pick by the Cleveland Browns, Gordon was suspended for the first two games of the 2013 season for violating the league's substance abuse policy but still caught 87 passes for nine touchdowns and a league-leading 1,646 yards and was named to the All-Pro team.

He was suspended again in 2015 and missed two whole seasons. In interviews, he has acknowledged using Xanax, cocaine, marijuana and other narcotics, and he said in 2017 he smoked pot before "probably every game of my career."

Brown files new helmet grievance against NFL

Much to the consternation of most observers, the Antonio Brown helmet saga remains a thing.

According to multiple reports, Brown has filed a new grievance against the NFL in an attempt to wear the helmet he's worn throughout his career. ESPN was the first to report this development, citing a source.

This course of action comes a week after his original grievance against the NFL was rejected by an arbitrator.

Brown has disagreed with that decision, and the wide receiver skipped the Oakland Raiders' practice on Sunday in protest over the helmet issue. This drew the criticism of Raiders general manager Mike Mayock, who was blunt with his assessment of the situation, saying, "So from our perspective, it's time for him to be all in or all out."

On Monday, Brown's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, responded to Mayock's comments, saying, "We're looking for a permanent solution." On Monday, according to multiple reports, Brown rejoined the Raiders. This latest grievance, however, likely throws Brown's situation into further chaos.

Brown has been upset with the NFL for not allowing him to wear his Schutt AiR Advantage helmet—the only helmet he has worn in his NFL career—because it is older than 10 years and as a result no longer certified. The NFL and NFLPA have been clear that players are not allowed to wear helmets not certified by the National Operating Commission on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE).

The seven-time Pro Bowl receiver, who is in his first season with the Raiders after an offseason trade with the Pittsburgh Steelers, is experiencing a most bizarre training camp saga. As if the helmet conflict isn't enough, Brown also has missed practice time after burning the bottom of his feet in a cryotherapy chamber.

Warriors GM impressed with Russell's maturity

OAKLAND—When the Warriors acquired All-Star guard D'Angelo Russell from the Nets in a sign-and-trade this offseason, general manager Bob Myers knew much more about the player than the person.

Myers knew his team was acquiring someone who can score in a hurry. He knew Golden State was getting a crafty lefty that can dish it and drain shots from deep. The more Myers has gotten to know Russell, the more he's excited for the future of the franchise.

Russell and Myers recently met in New York, and the GM hit his new guard with some tough questions regarding his murky past as a Laker.

"He said, 'In hindsight, maybe I wasn't ready for what was coming in L.A. with being the No. 2 pick.' A lot of people would blame everybody else and say it wasn't my fault, which I think showed a maturity," Myers said on The TK Show.

Russell was involved in a public incident as a rookie with the Lakers where he recorded a video on Snapchat of teammate Nick Young admitting he cheated on his fiancée, Iggy Azalea. Though only has been in the NBA for four seasons, Russell's road has been a long one.

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The then Brooklyn Nets' D'Angelo Russell (1) drives to the basket against Cleveland Cavaliers' Jordan Clarkson (8) in the first half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019, in Cleveland.

Since being drafted in 2015, Russell has dealt with the pressure of being the No. 2 pick in L.A., the trials of the Young incident, being traded to Brooklyn, turning into an All-Star and now joining the Warriors.

"For a guy that's pretty new in the league, he's been through more than most I'd say," Myers said. "Being a high pick, going to the Lakers, getting moved, going to Brooklyn ... the way he handled that, helping them ascend, kind of coming into his own."

Russell enjoyed his breakout year last season where he averaged 21.1 points and seven assists per game. Any GM would be glad to add that to his roster. After speaking with Russell, Myers couldn't be happier.

"I'm happier now than I was even when we did it, knowing more about who he actually is," Myers said.

Meanwhile, the Atlanta Hawks have given general manager Travis Schlenk an extra title: president of basketball operations.

Owner Tony Ressler announced the promotion on Monday, saying he is "extremely pleased with the direction that Travis and our entire basketball operations team has us heading as a franchise."

As he goes into his third year with the Hawks, Schlenk has totally overhauled the roster and assembled an impressive core of young players through the draft, including Trae Young, John Collins and incoming first-round picks De'Andre Hunter and Cam Reddish.

The Hawks have endured two straight losing seasons but Ressler says the massive rebuilding job has provided "the cap space, draft picks and financial flexibility needed to have long-term success in the NBA."

Serena set to begin 2020 season in Auckland

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—Serena Williams is set to begin her 2020 season at the WTA's ASB Classic in Auckland in January.

Organizers of the ASB Classic announced the entry of the 23-time major winner on Tuesday.

The 37-year-old Williams has played the hard court tournament once before, losing in the second round in 2017.

On that occasion Williams' experience of the Auckland tournament was not a happy one. She complained about the wind and cold weather, saying "it's my least favorite conditions I've ever played in."

Williams announced her engagement to fiancee Alexis Ohanian during her stay in Auckland and told reporters on Tuesday her memories of the city are "amazing."

"Oh man, I want to win that title so bad," Williams was quoted as saying. "Last time I was there I had so much going on and although I fought through to win my first match, I know I didn't play to my level.

"I have such amazing memories that are really special to me from Auckland. I would really like to add some on court memories to that list."

Williams' preparations for the upcoming U.S. Open have been hampered by injury. She withdrew from Cincinnati last week, citing the same back injury that forced her to retire from the Rogers Cup final in Toronto.

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I am confident that Tania will rise up to the challenge and make Saipan International School, Northern Mariana Athletics, and the entire CNMI proud," Snyder said.

Tan credited Snyder, NMA, her coaches, fellow runners with SIS and the CNMI national team, and family members for helping her develop her passion for running.

"I want to thank NMA, SIS principal and running coach Ron Snyder, and my parents who helped me throughout the last three years. Without Mr. Snyder, I would have never joined cross country in my sophomore year and would never fall in love with running," said the CNMI national team member.

"As for NMA, I wouldn't have been able to travel to different countries like Australia and Samoa to represent the NMI without their help and support. And without my parents, I wouldn't have been able to do all the other small necessary things like get new running gear, get to practice/training everyday, to let me become a good runner," Tan added.

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Tania Tan, left, joins coach Ron Snyder, center, and fellow runner Tyler Santos of Tinian for a photo after completing her race in the Australian Cross Country Championships/ Oceania Cross Country Championships 2018 at the Maleny Golf Club in Sunshine Coast, Queensland.

The 19-year-old, who was also a many-time member of the CNMI National Junior Tennis Team, dominated the NMA-sanctioned All Schools cross country races in the last two years. She also won numerous middle distance races on Saipan last season and was the first CNMI runner to make it to the elite All-Island Team of the 2018 Asia Pacific Invitational Cross Country Championships held in Guam. Tan's outstanding performance last season earned her the Northern Marianas Sports Association/Tan Siu Lin Foundation Female Student Athlete of the Year award.

The newest member of Fordham University's cross country team had her first practice with the Rams yesterday. She will train under head coach Brian Horowitz, the former captain of Fordham's men's track and cross country squads.

The Rams have a busy schedule for the fall season, starting on Aug. 31 with the staging of the Fordham Fiasco/Ed Joyce Memorial. The team is also slated to race in the NYIT Invitational and Paddy Doyle Invitational next month, the Paul Short Invitational and Metropolitan Championship in October, and the Athletics 10 Championship and NCAA Regional in November.

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panta is the team manager.

The tournament will have a single round-robin format with the team that has the best record in three games to be declared the winner.

Two more matches will be played this Sunday with the CNMI U18 and M-League All-Stars colliding in the first game at 5pm and the two Beijing squads squaring off in the second tiff at 7pm. Then for Monday's match at 5pm, the CNMI Boys U18 will close out against Beijing 97, while Beijing Elite and the M-League All-Stars will duel in the 7pm game.

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However, the Ol'Aces regained the reins with Santos hitting crucial baskets and drawing help from Hapdei, Laniyo, and Andruw Omelau, who nailed 5 points in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, in the first semis match, Tinian led from start to finish to move into the title game.

Gregory Santos carried Tinian to victory with his 13 points, while Robert Reyes chipped in 12.

Jay-Ar Palmes also had 13 points on a losing effort for the Rollers, while Koboy Mizutani added 7.

Tinian and the Ol'Aces will vie for the championship trophy this Saturday at 2pm.

First Game

Tinian 48—G. Santos 13, Reyes 12, Santos 8, Borja 6, Epity 4, Long 2, Aldan 1, Cruz 2.

Rollers 41—Palmes 11, Mizutani 7, J. Cruz 5, Sablan 4, Quit 4, King 3, Villarin 2, D. Cruz 1.

Scoring by halves: 31-21, 48-41.

Second Game

Ol'Aces 64— Santos 26, Hapdei 13, Laniyo 10, Omelau 7, Tisa 5, Deleon Guerrero 4, Perez 2, Moses 2.

Sonics 58— Itaas 18, Ordona 10, Sagum 8, Contreras 6, Ferrari 6, Manalo 6, Cadag 3, Apasan 2.

Scoring by halves: 31-28, 64-58.

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Tan makes collegiate team

Tania Tan, center, seen here racing against Guam runners during the Oceania Micronesian Regional Championships 2018 at the Oleai Sports Complex, made it to the cross country squad of the Fordham University in New York. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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CNMI runner Tania Tan will be joining races in the National Collegiate Athletics Association after making it to the cross country team of Fordham University.

Tan, who just represented the Commonwealth in the 5,000m and half marathon events in the XVI Pacific Games in Samoa last month, will suit up for the Rams, who are competing in Division 1, Atlantic 10 Conference against 14 other schools in Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, Ohio, Missouri, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, North Carolina, and New York.

"I feel extremely grateful to be able to represent our small island even on NYC. This is amazing because as you know, resources on Saipan are very limited so being exposed to this new environment with an incredible facility will allow me to get more opportunities," said Tan, who graduated valedictorian at Saipan International School early this year.

The runner's school coach, SIS headmaster Ron Snyder, is excited for Tan, as she moves on to a higher level of competition.

"I am very proud of Tania for continuing her running at the university. She has run races in Guam, Australia, and Samoa but the level of training that she is about to enter will be her biggest challenge.

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Ol'Aces, Tinian vie for U18 title

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The Ol'Aces and Tinian arranged their title showdown in the U18 division of the Pacific Amusement/NMI Rollers Youth Basketball Tournament after surviving their respective playoff matches last Saturday at the Koblerville Gymnasium.

Tinian triumphed against Rollers in the first Final Four game, 48-41, while the Ol'Aces defeated the Sonics in the second semis match in the division, 64-58.

Coby Santos led the Ol'Aces to victory after scoring 26 points. Jess Laniyo added 10, while Kiku Hapdei contributed 8.

Santos made 17 markers in the first half to hand the Ol'Aces a 31-28 at the halftime break.

When the game resumed, the Sonics played catch-up and even managed to tie the game at 51-all. Khristian Itaas helped the Sonics get back into the game after firing 15 points in the second half, including three triples.

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Ol'Aces and Sonics players battle for the rebound during their semis game in the U18 division of the Pacific Amusement/NMI Rollers Youth Basketball Tournament last Saturday at the Koblerville Gymnasium.

Beijing teams vs NMI squads

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association will be hosting the inaugural Northern Marianas Invitational Football Tournament with four teams playing in the three-day competition at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

The event will feature two squads from China—the Beijing Elite Core Football Club and the Beijing 97 Return Football Club—going up against the CNMI's very own—the CNMI U18 Boys and M-League All-Stars. Matches will start this Saturday and will run until Monday.

The CNMI U18 will see action against Beijing Elite in the opening game this Saturday at 4:30pm, while the M-League All-Stars versus Beijing 97 tiff is scheduled for 7pm.

Twenty-three players from the various clubs competing in the Commonwealth's premier men's league have been selected to suit up for the M-League All-Star Team. Goalkeeper and CNMI Men's National Team member Chris Aninzo leads the list and will be joined by fellow goalie Richard Waldo, Daniel Agulto, Aloy Zeus Angeles, Emanuel Aniana, Gabriel Arkoh Sr., Travis Camacho, John Canape, Jonathan Capayas, Mark Esalan, Neil Gebhard, Alan Gudino, Kawsar Hamid, Martin Jambor, Kamrul Kamrul, Daniel Matsunaga, Jacob Montes, Floyd Muda, Reginal Pascual, Panapa Peteru, Lar Wongpaya, Kosuke Sato, and Jireh Yobech. Wai Wo Lee is the coach, while Ruselle Za-

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Jonathan Capayas, left, will play for the M-League All-Stars that will compete against two Beijing teams and the CNMI U18 squad in the Northern Marianas Invitational Football Tournament starting this Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.